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(Ser. III, v. I) - N. 1 An. et vol. LI 24 Ianuarii 1959 ACTA APOSTOLICAE SEDIS COMMENTARIUM OFFICIALE ACTA IOANNIS PP. XXIII NUNTIUS RADIOPHONICUS UNIVERSIS EPISCOPIS ET CHRISTIFIDELIBUS DATUS PRIDIE PERVIGILIUM NATIVITATIS D. N. IESU CHRISTI, ANNO MCMLVIII. The joy of the Christian people for the new Pope.

1. My Lord Cardinal, we are grateful for your kind and beautiful words addressed to us, in the name of the entire Sacred College, the spectacle of whose renewed youth we are pleased to witness on this day. We are grateful for the happy allusions you kindly made to the joy and sensitivity of the entire world, of the noble representatives of the various nations, and of the Roman Prelature, concerning the inauguration of this new Pontificate.

However, in the interior knowledge, albeit imperfect, that we have of ourselves, and in the humility of our spirit, we feel that we must acknowledge that it is not simply due to the human and cordial nature of our modest person that we have so quickly acquired – as you so kindly say – the sympathy of the peoples and of the rulers, especially noticeable in the immediate expressions of joy and respect of the Roman people, but rather to a renewed outpouring of the grace of the Holy Spirit, which was promised to the Church of the Lord, and which does not cease to provoke various forms of glossolalia, which arouse so much devout wonder around us.

We are pleased to recall, My Lord Cardinal, that return to your company, along with Cardinal Pizzardo, from the Lateran Palace to the Vatican, just a month ago, on November 23rd, after the taking of possession of the See.

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Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 6. Through the streets of the city, the Cathedral of St. John; and that crowd, that immense crowd, so cheerful in its demeanor and greetings, respectful and pious. And on December 8th, in Piazza di Spagna, and then at St. Mary Major, oh! what a triumphant outpouring of eyes, voices, and hearts, as in the union so dear to the Romans: the Immaculate [Conception] and the Pope. The same manifestation of popular sentiment is renewed whenever people await Me or come to meet Me, here in the vast halls of the Apostolic Palace. And it is particularly comforting to note that the great mass of people who seek Me, call Me, and do not cease to applaud, consists above all of young people of every kind, filled with devout admiration and with lively and innocent enthusiasm, and to assure that these young people are ready and capable, more than the old, more than the mature, to defend and to honor the

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heritage of Christ, the glorious and immortal King of peoples and of ages. Devout homage to the blessed memory of the "Angelic Pastor."

These first and reverent manifestations of homage to the new Pope do not diminish the universal sorrow that accompanied, until the threshold of the heavenly homeland, the blessed and pure soul of Our immediate Predecessor, Pius XI. Rather, it is to him that much is owed. It was fitting for Pius XI, and for the mystery of grace that he served during a great pontificate of almost twenty years, that he poured forth treasures of heavenly wisdom and a lively, fervent zeal for pastoral care upon the flock of Christ. The humble son of the people, whom Divine Providence called to replace him, according to the vicissitudes of human and even divine affairs, "intends nothing more than to lead the Christian people along the path of goodness and mercy, which saves, elevates, and encourages." All of this contributes to temper the sadness of the departure of our Father and Pontiff, whom we already contemplate as associated in the heavenly realms with the Saints of God, and to infuse, even from there, renewed energies into the Christian people who survive him and will never cease to venerate his beloved and holy memory. Psalm 88:19.

[*Latin ed. p. 7*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 7. His 19 Christmas addresses, a monument to his wisdom and apostolic zeal.

As the annual feast of the Most Holy Nativity of the Lord approached, it was the custom of His Holiness Pope Pius XI to transform the simple, ancient expression of amiable exchange of greetings into a dense and richly detailed discourse appropriate to the occasion, in which he would delight in illustrating, with profound and expansive theological and mystical insight, his high pontifical thought, in reference to the changing circumstances of the world, often of individual, domestic, civic, and social disorder. The modern advancements in the transmission of thought and word, which bring the papal teaching and exhortation immediately to all corners of the earth, invited the minds of many upright thinkers to bend, turning them to serious meditation and to a lively and clear discernment and distinction between truth and error, between that which is most attractive and that which is deceptive and a dangerous temptation, which leads to disorder and ruin.

As we prepare ourselves, in these days, for this gathering of our souls in preparation for Christmas, it seemed to us that we could not do better than to lend an ear to the echoes of those discourses or radio messages to the entire world of the lamented Father, Pope Pius XI. Even simply to recall them seemed to us an homage worthy of him and of the circumstances: as when, in the house left empty by the absence of the old father who has departed for eternity, it comforts good children gathered around the almost extinguished hearth, to recall his dear voice, his precious sayings,

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his salutary admonitions. Oh! What light, oh! What sweetness to the spirit to hear, even from afar, simply the enunciation of them!

From 1939 to 1957, these radio messages numbered 19. As many masterpieces of theological, legal, ascetic, political, and social science: all and each in the splendor of the doctrine that has as its center Jesus of Bethlehem; for the animating spirit, the great flame of pastoral zeal for souls and for nations; for the ultimate direction, the mysterious star, herald of the eternal conclusions of spiritual and universal life, and of the history of souls and peoples.

The series begins—precisely at Christmas of 1939—with a description of the fundamental points for the peaceful coexistence of peoples. It proceeds, in 1940, with the presuppositions for the new order of Europe; in 1941, for the new international order. In 1942, the subject is the order...

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8. *Acta Apostolicae Sedis* – An official commentary for the states and peoples; in 1943, a light from the star of Bethlehem for the disappointed, the desolate, and the faithful, with principles added for a program of peace. In 1944, the sixth year of war, the problem of democracy is proposed and clarified. In the following years, peace occupies a place of honor. Indeed, in 1945, 1946, 1947, and 1948, always peace, under various aspects. In 1949, the announcement of the Year of God is illustrated, a year that should be one of great return and great forgiveness. Then, in 1950, the theme of internal and external peace of the peoples is resumed; in 1951, the Church and peace; in 1952, moving pages follow about men in misery and the comfort of Christ. In 1953, precise and transparent pages are devoted to the technical progress of the world and peace; in 1954, the coexistence of men in fear, in error, and in truth is illustrated. In 1955, the attitudes of modern man towards Christmas and Christ in the historical and social life of humanity are described. In 1956, the dignity and limits of human nature: a very dense reasoning of pure doctrine, and of applications to concrete realities, to individual life. Finally, in 1957, Christ, the source and pledge of harmony in the world: wonderful and consoling pages, summarizing all the thought of Pope Pius XII. His glorious and noble tomb in the Vatican, next to that of St. Peter, could receive no more splendid and appropriate decoration than that of the titles of these Christmas radio messages from the years of his pontificate. And the soul is even more moved when one thinks that these are only 19 rays of a doctrine, and that a series of dense volumes are barely sufficient to contain. Truly, a wonderful doctrinal and pastoral activity, which ensures the name of Pius XII for posterity. Even outside of any official declaration, which would be premature, the triple title of *doctor optimus: Ecclesiae sanctae lumen: divinae legis amator* is fitting for the blessed memory of him, the Pope of our fortunate age. The great precept and teaching of the Lord for His Church, at the return of each

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year: "unity and peace." To summarize in two synthetic terms the living substance of this teaching contained in the 19 Christmas radio messages, and in the 20 volumes of the very rich collection of orations and letters of Pius XII, it is enough to pronounce these words: unity and peace. For these words support the entire world, from its creation.

[*Latin ed. p. 9*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, section 9, point to the consummation of its history: and behold, unity. They express the beneficial and fruitful light of the grace of Christ, the Son of God, Redeemer and Glorifier of the human race: and behold, peace. The sole condition on the part of man is *bona voluntas* (good will), which is also a grace of God, but which must be freely accompanied by man's corresponding action. This failure of human freedom to correspond to God's call to serve His designs of mercy constitutes the most terrible problem of human history and of the lives of individual men and peoples. The commemoration of the Nativity of Jesus does not cease each year to renew the announcement of the same doctrine, and in the same tone: Unity and peace. Unfortunately, human history records at its beginning an episode of bloodshed: brother slain by brother. The law of love, which the Creator impressed upon the heart of man, was torn by *mala voluntas* (bad will), which immediately led humanity down the paths of injustice and disorder. Unity was broken, and it required nothing less than the intervention of the Son of God Himself, who, out of obedience, accepted the task of restoring the sacred bonds of the human family, bonds which were immediately compromised, and He restored them at the price of His blood. This restoration is always in progress: Jesus founded a Church, imprinting upon its face the character of unity, as if to gather all human races under its vast pavilions, extending from sea to sea. Oh! Why cannot this unity of the Catholic Church, understood directly and by divine vocation in terms of spiritual order, also be directed towards the reconciliation of different races and nations, equally concerned with the purposes of social coexistence, marked by the laws of justice and fraternity? Here returns the principle, familiar to believers, that good service to God and to His justice is also propitious to the advantages of the civil community of peoples and nations. It is still alive in our spirit the memory of some decades ago, when certain representatives of the so-called Orthodox Churches of the nearby East, with the practical cooperation of some governments, thought to provide for the concentration of civil nations, beginning with an agreement between various Christian confessions of different rites and different histories. The ascendancy of more pressing concrete interests and of nationalist concerns sterilized those intentions, which are worthy of respect whenever they tend towards the unity of all Christians under the one Shepherd, the Vicar of Christ. Unfortunately, the agonizing problem

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of the broken unity...

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The *Acta Apostolicae Sedis* – the official record of the acts of the Apostolic See – continues to cause great disturbance and prejudice to the very work of reconciliation, along the path of heavy difficulties and uncertainties. The sadness of this painful observation does not halt, nor will it halt, we trust in God, the effort of our soul to continue the loving invitation extended to our dear brothers who are separated, who, although they bear the name of Christ, read the holy and blessed Gospel, and are not insensible to the inspirations of religious piety and of beneficent and blessed charity. Remembering the many voices of Our predecessors who, from the Apostolic See – from Pope Leo to Pope Pius XII, through St. Pius X, Benedict XV, and Pius XI, all most worthy and glorious Popes – extended the invitation to unity, We allow ourselves – what are We saying, We allow ourselves? – We intend to humbly but fervently continue Our task, to which We are spurred by the word and the example that Jesus, the divine Good Shepherd, continues to give us in the vision of the sheaves that whiten on the vast missionary fields; "and other sheep I have that are not of this fold: them also I must bring. And they shall hear my voice: And there shall be one fold and one shepherd." 2 And in the elevated lament raised to His Father in the last hours, in the imminence of the ultimate sacrifice: "That they all may be one, as thou, Father, in me, and I in thee; that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." 3 It is upon these calls, so profound and sublime, that peace rests, the peace of Christmas, the peace of Christ; the sigh of souls and peoples, the complement of every grace from heaven and earth; the peace which, if it is lacking, causes the world to be in agony; and when it is granted, as the angels of Bethlehem announced, it fills the spirit and hearts with rejoicing. Most Reverend Cardinal, your wish, so noble and affectionate, from the first word to the last, offered to us in the name of all the Most Eminent Cardinals, ancient and newly created, in the name of the entire Roman Prelature, we love to repeat, touches us deeply, and we thank you for it once again. The Nativity of the Lord: an announcement of unity and peace throughout the earth; a renewed commitment of good will put at the service of order, justice, and fraternity among all Christian peoples.

[*Latin ed. p. 11*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 23, 11: In a common desire for understanding, and with great respect for the sacred liberties of collective life in the threefold order of religious, civil, and social matters. We are informed of the gracious and ingenious project of Italian Radio and Television, to harmonize, at the first chime of the Christmas festivities, the sound of the bells of the humble parish, where this new Servant of the Servants of the Lord,

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who speaks to you, was born and baptized, with the bells of Venice, from which he departed for the unexpected task that Providence entrusted to him, and with the most solemn bells of St. Peter's in the Vatican, united in a festive concert with all the harmonious voices of the world, for a single universal announcement, for a single invitation to unity and peace. May the Lord grant that this auspicious invitation be heard everywhere. In many parts of the world, there is no ear for this invitation. Where the most sacred notions of Christian civilization are stifled or extinguished; where the spiritual and divine order is shaken, and where it has been possible to weaken the conception of supernatural life, it is a sad thing to note the *initium maiorum* [the beginning of the ancients], the testimonies of which are now of common knowledge. Even when striving to be courteous in judgment, to excuse, to sympathize with the gravity of the atheistic and materialistic situation to which some nations were and are subjected, and under whose weight they groan, the servitude of individuals and of the masses, the servitude of thought, and the servitude of action, is undeniable. The Sacred Book tells us of a tower of Babel that was built in the early centuries of history in the plain of Shinar; and that ended in confusion. In many regions of the earth, other of these towers are being built even now: and they will certainly end as the first one did. But the illusion is great for many, and the ruin is threatening. Only unity and steadfastness in strengthening the apostolate of truth and of true human and Christian fraternity can halt the grave dangers that loom. In reference to the freedom of the Church in some regions of the world, for example, that immense region of China, we have already had occasion to point out the very serious events of these recent times. What has been happening for years in the vast territories beyond the Iron Curtain is too well known to require further elaboration. Nothing of a military or violent nature in our attitudes as men of faith. However, it is necessary to be vigilant in the night that thickens: to be aware of the snares of those who are enemies of God, even more than of ourselves, and to prepare for every defense of Christian principles, which are the bulwark of true justice now and always.

[*Latin ed. p. 12*]

12 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary, Time of Christmas: a time for good works and intense charity. The practice of those things which give substance and color to civilization, which takes its name from Christ, has as its object the fourteen works of mercy. Christmas should mark the maximum of religious fervor and peacefulness for this outpouring of unity and charity towards brothers and sisters in need, the sick, the young, the suffering of every kind and every name. May it be a constructive Christmas. Those who hear this voice through the airwaves, through the concert of bells inviting to union and prayer in honor of the humble person of the new Pope, may they strengthen the good intentions of sanctification for the new

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year, so that it may be for the whole world a year of justice, of blessing, of goodness, and of peace. Mary, help of Christians, pray for us; Mary, help of Bishops, pray for us; Queen conceived without original sin, pray for us!

LETTERS TO THE MOST REVEREND LORDS: JOSEPH, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, Archbishop of Cologne; JOSEPH, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, Archbishop of Munich and Freising; JULIUS, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, Bishop of Berlin; AND TO OTHER EXCELLENT BISHOPS AND ORDINARY PASTORS OF THE PLACE: TO THE ARCHBISHOPS OF GERMANY, WITH COMMUNICATIVE LETTERS, RESPONDING TO THOSE SENT BY POPE JOHN XXIII UPON HIS DECEASE.

JOHN PP. XXIII. My beloved sons and venerable brothers, greetings and the Apostolic Blessing.

At the beginning of Our pontificate, when We considered with a very anxious heart how God, for what wondrous purpose, had raised Our humility to the highest degree of ecclesiastical power, without any merits of Our own, to demonstrate the virtue of divine grace, We read with full obedience and diligence the letters which you, My beloved sons and venerable brothers, sent to Our most desired predecessor, Pope John XXIII, when you held the episcopal assembly, as is your custom, before the honorable tomb of St. Boniface. There, you recalled to mind those things which have happened to the advantage and honor of the Catholic religion during the course of the past year, of which events you yourselves were often a part; you recounted those things which, with God's help, have been accomplished in the care of...

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From the Acts of Pope John XXIII, page 13: Moved by such solicitude, you have dedicated your actions and your very lives to this cause. We are certain that your studies, born of love and faith, have brought us great joy, and have given us good reason to hope for the beloved Germany. For we see you persevering with such diligent care and steadfast constancy in your office, and promoting those things that pertain to the Kingdom of Christ. Therefore, it is right that we rejoice, "Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." Furthermore, we have also learned from your letters how much obedience you feel towards the Vicar of Christ, and how piety adorns your conduct. That you feel so excellently towards the Supreme Pastor of the Church—this is deeply impressed upon us—and it does not change, because, by the law of death, one after another takes up the reins of the Church: for the power to bind and to loose, which dwells and flourishes in the See of Peter, is derived from your unwavering obedience and sincere love. As for us, we do not deviate from the great esteem that our predecessor held for the people of Germany, and just as we rejoice in his piety, which befits the best of sons, so too, with paternal affection,

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we embrace the bishops, to whom the administration of these particular churches has been entrusted, and the clergy of both orders, the religious, the members of religious congregations, those who have joined Catholic associations, and the faithful of every order, the entire German people. We have met with you in Berlin, Munich, Cologne, Aix-la-Chapelle, on our journeys, and we have had dealings with you when we spoke of the founding of the Work for the Propagation of the Faith. Therefore, we know and recognize the many virtues of your people: unwavering conscientiousness in fulfilling their duties, prompt obedience, communal discipline and spirit, a firm will to act with order, generosity combined with a love of beauty, and strength and fortitude closely linked together. From this most noble nation, we behold a great multitude of people, children of the Church, regenerated in Christ, who have preserved the ancestral faith undefiled and unblemished, who have offered a brilliant and generous contribution to the strengthening and advancement of the Kingdom of Christ, who have provided strong spiritual foundations and solid structures for the building of the City of God. Your religious observance, your disciplines and arts, your suitable moderation in conducting affairs, 1 Psalm 33, 4.

[*Latin ed. p. 14*]

14 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - The official commentary. The multi-faceted industry of the economic and social order has contributed greatly to the Christian and civic life, offering benefits to the public and deserving of worthy praise. However, the expression of admiration is tempered by sadness. Our merciful thoughts turn to those who suffer hardships in the regions of Germany, who are dearer to Us because they bear a heavier burden and endure more grievous trials. Above all, Our thoughts are directed to Our beloved sons in the eastern regions of Germany, where fidelity to the Church and the practice of Christian virtues are tested in difficult circumstances, and where, at times, the conscience of the moral law is suppressed, either openly or subtly. We greet all those who are unjustly afflicted, and We earnestly exhort them to maintain their faith in the Catholic Church, unblemished by anything evil, and to remain steadfast in good hope, and never to let their charity wane, even towards those who, through false opinions or through fear of losing earthly goods – and We pity these more – oppose the Church. We raise and will continue to raise our prayers to God, that the minds of the rulers of the states may be illuminated by the light of truth, that their wills may be changed. May they finally achieve what is expected of them, that they cease to hate what ought to be loved; and that, as is right and just, they grant freedom to the children of the Catholic Church, and allow them to live a peaceful and tranquil life, in accordance with the most sacred laws of religion.

2. With a merciful heart, We also consider the refugees who, through the events of war, or through violence and fear, or through necessity, or

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through a desire for freedom, and a will to publicly profess the Christian faith, have been forced to abandon their homeland, their towns, their homes, their necessities, their families, and everything that is dear to men. How deeply We are moved by the undeserved fate of so many citizens, whose lives are filled with misery, wandering and suffering like sheep without a shepherd! We earnestly urge the pastors to continue to offer them care and attention, and to strive above all to ensure that they do not lack religious assistance and consolation, and that they may obtain a home and employment as soon as possible. Finally, Our thoughts turn to the poor, the sick, those who are without hope, those who feel anxiety in their minds and the sharp pains of suffering in their bodies. We offer you Our merciful greetings, and We ask God to grant you relief through our prayers, pointing to Jesus crucified, the Man of Sorrows, the Lamb without blemish, who has left us an example and heals our infirmities. Let them remember that the sufferings of this time are not worthy to compare with the future glory that will be revealed in us, and let them be purified by fire.

[*Latin ed. p. 15*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII mention that pure oil flowed from the olive trees. They are certain that, by enduring these things, they greatly benefit themselves, their neighbors, their country, and the human race. We do not wish to pass over in silence those matters pertaining to the Solemn Agreements concluded between the Apostolic See and Germany. Therefore, because the agreements are sacred, as in the past, so also in the future, the Apostolic See will maintain the faith given, sincere, constant, and unwavering; and it does not doubt that the highest leaders of the German people and other magistrates of that kind will diligently take care to safeguard these agreements, to observe them faithfully, honestly, completely, and without reservation, and to put them into practice for the good of the people. It is their firm conviction that these things have benefited and will benefit both the sacred and the civil affairs to a greater extent. We urge each of you, amidst the storms of these troubled times, to steer the ship entrusted to you, the ship of the Church, with vigilance and skill, and to direct its course with a keen and discerning mind, as if considering these words of Saint Ignatius the Martyr to Saint Polycarp: "The time demands that you, as a helmsman, weather the winds, and that, tossed by the storm, you find a harbor, so that you may attain God with your own."

As the feast of the Nativity of Saint Dominic approaches, we are pleased to implore these heavenly gifts, which the birth of Christ brought to the earth, for you and for the flock of Christ, over whom you, as vigilant pastors, watch for their spiritual progress. May the Prince of Peace, who lies in humble cribs, "ineffably wise, wisely a child," grant you His peace, a true peace, a sincere peace, rooted in obedience to the will of God, and a most

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delightful peace, which the wicked cannot steal away by their empty mockery. Therefore, with a humble spirit, with great consideration, and with great purpose, and neither depressed by adversity nor elated by prosperity, let us ask for these things. Entreating that your efforts may make known and manifest to all our most beloved paternal will towards the German people, We, to you, Venerable Brothers and beloved sons, and to the flock of Christ entrusted to your care, impart willingly and with a good heart the Apostolic Blessing, a pledge of heavenly grace.

Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, on the twenty-fourth day of the month of December, in the year 1958, in the first year of Our Pontificate.

* Ep. 8. Ignatius to Polycarp, II, Migne P. G. 5, 722.

* Augustine, Sermon 183, On the Nativity of the Lord, 4, 1; Migne, P. L. 38, 1001.

[*Latin ed. p. 16*]

16 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary II TO THE MOST REVEREND DOM JOHN, CARDINAL OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH, PATRIARCH OF VENICE, on the third day of January in the year 1959, who for the first time entered his Cathedral and Basilica. Most Reverend Cardinal, upon your entrance into the Basilica and the Patriarchal Palace of Venice, you will find us pleased and our greetings. For many days, although so occupied, as you can well believe, our thoughts have followed you in our prayer and in our most fervent wish for every grace and every blessing. Your prompt appointment as Patriarch, the dignity of Cardinal, and the pallium which we were so happy to bestow upon you, give us the assurance that you will do great good in Venice among your people, who were yesterday merely fellow citizens, but today and always are brothers and spiritual children. Oh! the Venetians are truly worthy of all esteem and affection. In six years of spiritual life with them, we have received from them nothing but joy and consolation, and as we have always held them in our hearts, both priests and faithful, so now we cannot detach ourselves from them – and perhaps forever here on earth – without some hidden tear of profound emotion. May the Lord always bless them all, each and every one, in whatever degree of the civil and social order to which they belong; but especially may He bless the poor, the sick, the little ones, those most in need of Him and of His grace; may He bless and gladden them all, these our beloved Venetians. We are informed that for your entrance, Most Reverend Cardinal, even the curtains of the iconostasis of Saint Mark will bend graciously in an act of homage to the piety of the faithful, now free to direct their respectful and devout gaze to the altar and to the magnificent unfolding of the solemn liturgical ceremonies around the tomb of "our Evangelist." How much it was worth having patience and knowing how to wait with placid confidence for the ripening of a good judgment and of sound religious and artistic sense, so that now a

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more serene satisfaction spreads in hearts! We wish you, Most Reverend Cardinal, that it may soon be granted to you to realize the justly cherished project of restoring to honor the entire presbytery of Saint Mark, which is – historically, religiously, and artistically – the most sacred place in all of the region of Veneta, and that

[*Latin ed. p. 17*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, volume 17, unfortunately, remains in some way profaned by the footsteps and presence of curious people, perhaps in good faith, but in contrast to the religious piety of past centuries. Your Eminence, you understand our thoughts. Our joy is enhanced and completed by that which, for a shepherd of souls, is the fullness of happiness, namely, the edification and sanctification of the Christian people, for whom the Lord Jesus willed us to be His priests and continuers of His illuminating and redemptive work. Divine Providence has arranged that what happened to our humble person at the end of the year 1958, not only did not diminish, but communicated – once again – a more vivid and vibrant vigor to the spiritual kinship, which a word of the Apostle sealed between Saint Peter, the Head of the Catholic Church, and Saint Mark, his Evangelist: "Salute to you from the church (here)... united, and Mark, my son." May heavenly grace help us to honor these profound designs of supreme wisdom and divine goodness! Your Eminence: go forth, go forth, for the good, for joy, for peace! In this entrance, we desire to see you surrounded by our venerable Canons of Saint Mark, who were truly and always "my joy and my crown," and whom we like to greet one by one, together with the most reverend, dear, and fervent pastors and priests of the entire Patriarchate – that is, of the mother city; of Mestre, which is particularly dear to us; of Malamocco, of the Lido, of Murano, of Burano, of Torcello, and of all the points of the mainland from Marghera, Malcontenta, Gambarare, and Mira, to Eraclea, Jesolo, Caorle, and Treporti – and together with all those Religious men and women who continue their apostolate of prayer, teaching, and charity. At this moment, we also wish to offer a smiling and encouraging greeting to our dear seminarians, as well as our paternal praise to the Catholic Action and to all the glorious schools, confraternities, and associations – such as the Marian Congregations, the A.C.L.I., the Italian Women's Center, the Scouts, the Conferences of Saint Vincent de Paul – which, together with Catholic Action, form the precious aid of the Bishop for the spread of the Catholic apostolate. Nor can we fail to offer a distinct and cordial expression of respect to the Procurators of Saint Mark, so worthy, meritorious, and beloved, to all the representatives of the civic order, with whom our relations have always been so courteous, and to all the citizens of Ve- 1 Peter 5:13. 2 - ACTA, vol. I, no. 1. – January

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18 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale: citizens, men of labor, of the school, of science, of art, men of the land, of the sea, and of the lagoon, all together constituting *delictum animae* (a fault of the soul). We must finally offer a sign of particular gratitude to those of the various orders of citizens – the Magistracy, the Province, the Municipality, and the Teatro massimo della Fenice – who promoted and carried out, with expressions of distinct refinement, the sentiment of all of Venice, educated and gentle, towards the Patriarch who became Pope, bringing it to him within the very halls of the Vatican, through the ineffable and unforgettable notes of Handel's "Messiah," to which splendor was added by the presence of the Sacred College of Cardinals and the illustrious Diplomatic Corps at the Holy See.

My Lord Cardinal: here we are all together, in the course of a few weeks, each placed upon his own path, a path unexpected, but upon which the light of the Lord rests. Let us each resume our own journey in humility, in fervor, in grace: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth." May the heavenly, divine blessing follow us. To the children of Venice, we shall say: Honor the memory of your ancient Patriarch by surrounding the new one with the same obedience, affection, and correspondence. Behold: We leave to him our mantle, as Elijah left his to Elisha. It is woven of the same spirit and the same virtue. Mary, O Mary, our Nicopeja, assist us, guide us, and protect us always. And may Jesus, blessed, be shown to us after this, O gentle, O pious, O sweet Virgin and Mother, Mary.

With these paternal sentiments and with these wishes, to you, My Lord Cardinal, and to all the Clergy and people of Venice, in anticipation of the most excellent heavenly graces and as a pledge of our unchanging benevolence, we impart from the heart a particular Apostolic Blessing.

IOANNES PP. XXIII

To the Most Reverend D. Clemente S. R. E. Cardinal Micara, Bishop of Velletri, Our Vicar of the City.

My Lord Cardinal, let us still keep alive in our eyes and in our hearts the spectacle of faith and devotion that the beloved children of Our diocese of Rome have offered us on many occasions, either in the splendor of the Vatican Basilica, or in the recent circumstances in which, going to offer the tribute of Our piety...

[*Latin ed. p. 19*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 19. Regarding other basilicas, and in order

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to carry out pastoral works which are so dear to Us, We have witnessed the affection and veneration shown to Us. We therefore intend to renew in Our own heart, and – we are certain – also in the hearts of the Roman faithful, the comfort of a new encounter, an encounter of prayer and penance for our brothers and sisters in the faith who, in certain countries, suffer persecution and insults for the holy Name of Jesus, and among these, in a particular way, the Catholics of China. You well know, Your Eminence, that since Divine Providence has willed to raise Us to the highest responsibility of Your Vicar on earth, on various occasions of universal importance, We have not failed to highlight the anxiety and concern of Our heart for the fate of all Our children who suffer unjust persecution. In particular, as We said in the address of Our first Consistory, We are daily distressed by the thought of the condition in which the Chinese clergy and faithful find themselves, a condition so difficult and so grave, exposed not only to painful and prolonged trials, but even to the very grave danger of a disastrous schism. We would never have wished to utter this painful word, but the sad reality has led Us to it, because, as We said, the Supreme Pastor cannot remain silent and inactive in the face of the threatened loss of a part of His flock, rich in ancient, most noble culture, and of exquisite gentleness of spirit. And while We assured that every day Our prayers would ascend to the Almighty, that He may keep those faithful from the feared misfortune of separation from this Apostolic See, We also invited Our brothers in the Episcopate to promote among their faithful special functions of supplication and intercession. For this purpose, We now turn, with hearts full of confidence, to Our beloved children of Our Diocese, so close to Our heart and always so sensitively sharing with Us the joys and sorrows of the entire Church, so that, in this holy race of prayers, it may once again be from them that the example comes. We therefore desire that on the coming January 25th – the day on which the Roman Liturgy commemorates the conversion of St. Paul, and a beloved and providential custom concludes the Octave of prayer for the unity of the Church – the Diocese of Rome, together with Us, gather in the Basilica of Ostia, which holds the remains of the great Apostle of the Gentiles, to give a due testimony of solicitude and solidarity towards our Chinese brothers and sisters. Fervent supplications will ascend to Heaven to invoke comfort for the suffering; acts of penance and expiation will be offered to the Lord, to restore...

[*Latin ed. p. 20*]

To prepare for the trampled divine rights, and to remove from those communities every turbulent threat, "ut per totum mundum sit castae communionis integritas" [that the integrity of chaste communion may be throughout the whole world]. Thus united, around their Pastor, the citizens of Rome will feel more keenly the truth, divinely proclaimed to Saul on the road to Damascus, that in every Christian put to the test, it is Christ who

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suffers anew; they will give, in prayer, the concrete sign of the sweet bonds which bind together the different members of the one Mystical Body; and their gesture will serve to comfort and encourage the Catholic brothers of China in their perseverance in love for Christ and for His Church. In anticipation of this desired meeting of the faithful of Rome in the Basilica of Saint Paul, we are pleased to impart to you, Your Eminence, to your Collaborators, and to our beloved children of the City, the Apostolic Blessing. From the Apostolic Palace, 12th of January of the year 1959, the first of Our Pontificate. IOANNES PP. XXIII.

1 S. Leo M., Ep. LXXX, ML 54, fll3.

[*Latin ed. p. 21*]

21 Acta PII PP. XII ACTA OF POPE PIUS XII. APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTIONS. I. OF THE DUTCH GUIANA (PARAMARIBO). THE APOSTOLIC VICARIATE OF DUTCH GUIANA IS RAISED TO THE RANK OF A CATHEDRAL SEE, AND SHALL THEREAFTER BE CALLED PARAMARIBO. PIUS, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE OF THIS EVENT. Whereas, the Apostolic Vicariate of Dutch Guiana, situated within the boundaries of the Colony of Holland, Surinam, has, through the diligent efforts and industrious zeal of the members of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, to whom this task was entrusted, produced joyous fruits of Christian piety; and whereas, it has seemed good to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith to raise it to the rank of a diocese; and whereas, our venerable Brothers, the Most Reverend Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church, who preside over said Sacred Congregation, after hearing the Most Reverend Brother Raphael Forni, Archbishop with the titular see of Aegina and Apostolic Nuncio in the Republic of Venezuela, have judged this matter to be rightly and properly done; We, having fully considered these matters, and with the consent of those who have a right to be consulted in this matter, by Our supreme authority, decree the following. We raise the Apostolic Vicariate of Dutch Guiana to the rank and dignity of a diocese, which, from now on, shall be called Paramaribo, from the name of the principal city. In this city, the Bishop shall establish his seat and residence, and his cathedral, the seat of his authority and pastoral ministry, shall be located in the church dedicated to the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, which has hitherto served as the cathedral. Therefore, the diocese, the church, and the Bishop shall receive the rights, honors, and privileges that are due to such a cathedral see, its sacred buildings, and its Bishop; and the Ordinary shall be invested with the duties and obligations that are proper to a man of such rank. We also decree that the new diocese of Paramaribo shall be directly subject to the See of Peter, and that it shall likewise remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Christian Faith,

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which We entrust to the members of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, who have diligently labored there to this day, under Our guidance and that of this Apostolic See. We also decree that, because of the circumstances of the place...

[*Latin ed. p. 22*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Commentary 22. Official documents and additions of the present time: for the College of Canons, in accordance with the law, diocesan Consultors are elected. We also desire that a seminary, at least of the elementary level, in which boys called to the priestly ministry can be instructed with due diligence, be established according to the norms of common law and according to the regulations of the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. The Episcopal fund, as it is called, shall be composed either of the goods which hitherto belonged to the apostolic vicariate of Guyana in Holland, or of the revenues of the Episcopal Curia, or of sums offered by the faithful and given by the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. Furthermore, the decrees concerning the election of a Capitular Vicar, in the absence of a Bishop, concerning the rights and obligations of priests and the faithful, and concerning other matters of this kind, as prescribed by the Code of Canon Law, shall be observed. Moreover, we desire that these Our decrees be carried out by the venerable Brother Raphael Forni, whom we remember, or by him who, at the time when these things are to be done, presides over the same Nunciature, having the power to delegate any man to carry out this business, provided that he is endowed with ecclesiastical dignity. He who has completed the matter shall be responsible for demanding the necessary documents and for sending them promptly to the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. We will and order that these Letters be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those for whom these things are intended shall observe religiously what has been decreed in them, and thus obtain their full effect. No prescriptions of any kind whatsoever shall be able to be contrary to the effectiveness of these Letters, since through these Letters we abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be declared entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to divide or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these Letters, whether printed or written by hand, which bear the seal of a man constituted in ecclesiastical dignity and are signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented. Let all who in any way despise or neglect Our decrees know that they will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, near Saint Peter, on the seventh day of the month of May, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, in the twentieth year of Our Pontificate.

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GELS US, Cardinal.

COSTANTINI PETRUS, Cardinal.

FUMASONI BIONDI, Secretary of the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

Hamletus Tondini, Regent of the Apostolic Chancery.

Franciscus Hannibal Ferretti, Apostolic Protonotary.

Caesar Federici, Apostolic Protonotary.

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[*Latin ed. p. 23*]

Acta Pii PP. XII, 23 February, LIMAE – HUARAZENSIS (HUACHENSIS) ARCHDIOCESE OF LIMA AND THE DIOCESE OF HUARAZ, CERTAIN TERRITORIES BEING SEPARATED, A NEW DIOCESE IS ESTABLISHED: (HUACHENSIS). PIUS, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE:

Moved by the excellent hope that the Christian religion may progress more and more each day in the Peruvian region, We deem it fitting to grant the supplications of the Most Reverend Brother Francis Lardone, holding the title of Archbishop of Rhazae and Apostolic Nuncio in that same Peruvian Republic, who requested from the Holy See that, after certain territories be separated either from the extensive Archdiocese of Lima or from the Diocese of Huaraz, a new diocese be established there. Concerning this matter, after hearing the opinion of the Most Reverend Brothers John Landázuri Ricketts, Archbishop of Lima, and Theodosius Moreno Quintana, Bishop of Huaraz, and with their consent, and with the agreement of those who have some right in this matter or deem themselves to have such a right, after all has been carefully considered, We, by Our apostolic authority, establish the following: We separate from the Archdiocese of Lima the entire territory which pertains to the civil province commonly called Canta, except for a part of that same circumscription commonly called Santa Rosa de Quives, which remains attached to the metropolis of Lima, and a part of the territory which pertains to the civil province commonly called Cajatambo; and We separate from the Diocese of Huaraz that part which adjoins it, belonging to the civil province whose name in common parlance is Cajatambo; from these territories thus separated, We establish a new diocese, to be called Huacho, with the same boundaries as those mentioned above, except for the region commonly called Santa Rosa de Quives. This new diocese will be a suffragan of the metropolis of Lima, and therefore the Metropolitan Archbishop will have jurisdiction over the Bishops of Huacho. These sacred ministers will have their seat and domicile in the city commonly called Huacho, which We hereby elevate to the status of a city with ecclesiastical rank by these present letters; and they will place the cathedral in the temple dedicated to the Apostle St. Bartholomew, to which,

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having been raised to the dignity of a cathedral, We grant all the rights and privileges which are proper to other cathedral churches; and likewise, the sacred Rectors of that diocese will enjoy the same rights and honors with which all such prelates are adorned; and they will be subject to the same duties and obligations. In order to increase the number of sacred rites...

[*Latin ed. p. 24*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary. We decree that a College of Canons be established in the cathedral of Huacho, and we will take care of its establishment through other letters to be given by us; however, until such time as the diocese itself has a senate, we grant that, in place of the Canons, diocesan Consultors be chosen according to the norms of law. We also wish that, according to the common law and the laws issued by the Holy Congregation for Seminaries and Universities, as soon as a seminary, even an elementary one, is built, the same Bishop of Huacho will take care to select the best young men and send them to Rome, to be educated in philosophical and theological disciplines in the Pontifical Plan for Latin America. The episcopal table, whether it consists of revenues, or of a dowry given by public authority, or of money and goods freely offered by the faithful, or of a portion derived from the division of goods, in proportion, shall belong to the archdiocese of Lima and the diocese of Huaraz, with the provisions of canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law observed. Furthermore, with regard to the clergy to be assigned to the new See, we decree that as soon as the constitution of the diocese has been brought to effect, those priests who are assigned to it shall be considered to belong to the Church in whose territory they legitimately hold a benefice or ecclesiastical office; the other clergy shall be attached to the diocese in whose territory they reside with the best of rights. With regard to the governance and administration of the new Church, let those things be observed which are established by Canon Law, concerning the election of a Capitular Vicar whenever the See is vacant, concerning the rights and obligations of priests and the faithful, and other matters of this kind. Furthermore, all documents and acts pertaining to the affairs of the newly established diocese shall be duly sent from the curias of the archdiocese of Lima and the diocese of Huaraz to the curia of Huacho, to be carefully preserved in the archives. Finally, that those things which we command in these letters be carried out, we choose the same venerable Brother Francis Lardone, or he who, at the time when these decrees are brought to bear on the matter, presides over the Apostolic Nunciature in the Republic of Peru; and to whomever it may happen to carry out this work, we grant the necessary powers to delegate to anyone, if it is necessary, to a man of ecclesiastical standing, and we impose the duty of reporting the execution of the business in writing and of sending faithful copies thereof to the Sacred Consistorial Council. We wish these letters to be effective now and in the future; so that those things which are decreed

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by them may be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their force. Nothing, of any kind, contrary to the prescriptions of these letters, shall be able to impede their effectiveness, since by these letters we derogate from all others. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be declared entirely void and of no effect. Furthermore, no one shall be permitted to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will.

[*Latin ed. p. 25*]

The Acts of Pope Pius XII, paragraph 25, permit this; indeed, these letters, whether in printed form or handwritten, bearing the seal of a person established in ecclesiastical dignity, and also signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented. Whoever disregards or in any way rejects Our decrees in general, let him know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, on the fifteenth day of the month of May, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, the twentieth year of Our pontificate.

CELSUS
Card.

COSTANTINI MARCELLUS

Card.
MIMMI
S. R. E.,
Chancellor of the Sacred Congregation Consistorial,
Hamletus Tondini,
Regent of the Apostolic Chancery,
Francis Hannibal Ferretti,
Protonotary Apostolic,
Caesar Federici,
Protonotary Apostolic.
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III

S. AUGUSTINE (MIAMIENSIS)

FROM THE DIOCESE OF S. AUGUSTINE, CERTAIN TERRITORIES ARE DETACHED, AND A NEW DIOCESE IS ESTABLISHED, TO BE CALLED (MIAMIENSIS).

PIUS,

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BISHOP,

SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD,

FOR PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE.

Since We possess supreme authority over all the faithful and strive to lead them to the heavenly kingdom, We gladly grant to the Christian people, through a suitable arrangement of the Church, the opportunity to diligently cultivate their religion and to conform every aspect of their lives to the precepts of the Holy Gospel. For this purpose, since a request has been made from this Apostolic See that a new Church be established from the extensive Diocese of Saint Augustine, in which, with God's favor, the number of the faithful and the Christian cause have greatly increased, We, considering this to be beneficial, have deemed it fitting to accede to the request. Therefore, after...

[*Latin ed. p. 26*]

26 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - The Official Commentary records the venerable Brother Hamlet John Cicognani, Archbishop with the title of Laodicea in Phrygia, and Apostolic Delegate in the United States of North America, having been heard concerning the deliberations of the venerable Brothers, Our Holy Roman Cardinals, who are in charge of Consistorial Affairs, and concerning Our supreme authority, We decree and command the following. From the diocese of St. Augustine, we separate sixteen counties, which are commonly called Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Dade, De Soto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Indian River, Lee, Martin, Monroe, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie. Therefore, after these territories have been subtracted, the boundaries of the diocese of St. Augustine will extend to the southern part, touching the northern boundaries of the counties commonly known as Charlotte, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Indian River. We reduce all these lands, namely, the sixteen counties mentioned, into the form of a new diocese, to be called Miamiensis, which will be contained within the following boundaries: to the north, by the counties which the inhabitants now call Charlotte, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Indian River; to the east, by the Atlantic Ocean; to the south, by the Florida Strait; and finally, to the west, by the Gulf of Mexico, and will be bounded by the same boundaries by which the aforementioned counties are circumscribed, namely, De Soto and Hardee. The seat of the new Church and the Bishop's residence will be established in the city commonly called Miami; and We believe that the cathedral should be located in the church dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and that it should be raised to the rank and dignity of a cathedral. We wish that the diocese which We have founded be a suffragan of the metropolitan see of Baltimore, and

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that the Archbishop of Miami will obey the sacred prelate. Furthermore, We consider that all the rights, honors, and privileges which belong to dioceses, pertain to this one as well; and We impose the same duties and obligations upon the sacred prelates to whom its administration will be entrusted. The Bishop of Miami shall see to it that a College of Canons be established in his diocese, according to the norms which We will establish in other documents. In the meantime, so that the prelate may not lack counsel, diocesan advisors shall be chosen, who will be available to the Bishop in explaining matters of importance; but they will relinquish their duties when the College of Canons is established. The episcopal table, that is to say, either the goods which will accrue to the new See from the completed division of assets, or the money which the people will spontaneously give, or the revenues of the episcopal curia, shall be administered according to Canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law. Moreover, it is Our will that at least an elementary seminary be established in the newly founded diocese, to receive boys who have been called to the priesthood; and those who are more capable shall be sent to Rome to pursue studies in philosophy and sacred theology. As for the governance and administration of the diocese, vicars capitular, the election of a bishop, and other matters of this kind, We refer to what the sacred canons prescribe.

[*Latin ed. p. 27*]

The acts of Pope Pius XII, number 27, must be observed entirely. Concerning the clergy, we decree that, when a diocese is established through the execution of these letters, those priests are to be considered as belonging to that Church in whose territory they hold a benefice or office; the other clerics, wherever they legitimately reside. Furthermore, we command that the acts and documents pertaining in any way to the new diocese be sent as soon as possible to its episcopal curia, to be diligently preserved in the archives of religious affairs. Finally, we charge that the venerable Brother Hamlet John Cicognani, whom we have appointed, or whoever, at the time when this must be done, presides over the Apostolic Delegation in the United States of North America, shall strive to carry out these matters, using all the powers that he may have, and, if it seems advisable, delegating to anyone, provided that the person is a man of outstanding dignity in the Church. The same venerable Brother shall take care to draw up the documents pertaining to the matter and shall send them promptly to the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory, with faithful copies. We intend that these letters be effective now and in the future; that is, that those to whom they pertain observe the decrees contained therein with religious devotion, and thus obtain their full effect. No prescriptions of any kind can be contrary to the effectiveness of these letters, since through these letters we abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We

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have decreed, We command that such action be declared entirely void and of no effect. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to alter or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person of outstanding dignity in the Church, and which are also signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented. Whoever in any way disregards or rejects Our decrees in general should know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the fifth and twentieth day of the month of May, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eighth, the twentieth year of Our pontificate.

CELSUS Card.

COSTANTINI MARCELLUS Card.

MIMMI
8. R. E.
Cancellarius
8. Congr. Consistorialis
a Secretis
Hamletus Tondini
Apostolicam Cancellariam Regens
Albertus Serafini, Prot. Apost.
Caesar Federici, Prot. Apost.
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In Ap. Cane, tab., vol. LXXXXYIII, n. 60.

[*Latin ed. p. 28*]

28 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary IV. GULUENSIS (ARUAIANA). From the Diocese of Gulu, certain territories are separated, within which a new Church is established, to be named (ARUAIANA). PIUS, Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God, for the perpetual memory of the matter: We, who have undertaken the highest office of the Christian kingdom by the hidden counsel of God, experience great joy when a new Church is established in the world, provided that it adheres to the document, that is, the Catholic faith, which we hold in our hearts and minds, and has made great progress, and is destined to make even greater progress in the near future. Therefore, when the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith deemed it fitting to establish a new diocese in the region of Uganda, and this having been previously considered by Our authorities, We, after due deliberation and having heard the opinion of the most excellent man, Edasti Mojaisky-Perrelli, Apostolic Delegate

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for British East and West Africa, supplementing the consent of those who have some right in this matter, fully approving of what the Holy Congregation has decided, by Our apostolic authority We decree and order the following. From the extensive Diocese of Gulu, We separate that territory commonly called West Nile, and from it We establish a new diocese, whose boundaries, indeed, will be the same as those of the region from which it is formed. We wish to call this diocese, from its principal city, Aruaian, and We entrust it to the Fathers of the Congregation of the Sons of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; moreover, We place it as a suffragan under the metropolitan See of Rubaga. The seat of the diocese and the residence of the Bishop will be located in the city of Arua; the sacred Antistes will establish the cathedral in the temple of that same city. We grant to the newly established Church and to its sacred Prelate all the rights that belong to their order; and We also impose upon the Bishop the duties that are appropriate to his office. If possible, a College of Canons should be established; if not, diocesan consultants should be appointed for the time being, to assist the Bishop in his work and counsel. Furthermore, at least an elementary seminary should be built, to receive boys of good hope and to educate them for the duties of the priesthood. This shall be done either according to the laws of civil law, or according to the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. The table, which is called the episcopal table, shall be provided: from the revenues of the Curia; from the offerings of the people; from goods,

[*Latin ed. p. 29*]

Acts of Pope Pius XII, 29, concerning matters pertaining to the Church of Gulu, shall be handled in proportion, according to Canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law; and finally, the funds which the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith customarily sends. The governance, administration of the diocese, the election of the Capitular Vicar, in the event of a vacancy, the rights and obligations of the clergy and the people, and other similar matters, shall be regulated according to Canon Law. Furthermore, documents and records pertaining to the new See shall be sent to its Episcopal Curia, and shall be kept there, in the archives of ecclesiastical affairs. Moreover, we desire that the most excellent man, Edastus Mojaisky-Perrelli, whom we remember, carry out what we have commanded, either personally or through a representative, having obtained the necessary powers for this purpose. Once the matter is completed, he shall take care to draw up the documents, and shall promptly send true copies thereof to the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. If, at the time when these things must be done, another person presides over the Apostolic Delegation for Eastern and Western British Africa, that person shall carry out these instructions. We wish these letters to be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those for whom these decrees are intended shall

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observe them religiously, and thus obtain their full effect. No prescriptions of any kind shall be able to oppose the effectiveness of these letters, since through these letters we abolish all such prescriptions. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that such action be declared entirely null and void. Furthermore, it shall not be permitted to anyone to alter or corrupt these documents expressing Our will; rather, the copies of these letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of the person holding the highest ecclesiastical office, and which are signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented. Let those who in general despise or in any way reject Our decrees know that they will incur the penalties established by law for those who do not obey the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, on the third day of the month of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, in the twentieth year of Our pontificate.

CELSUS Card. COSTANTINI, Secretary of State

PETRUS Card. FUMASONI BIONDI, Prefect of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith

Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancellor

Bernardus De Felicis, Apostolic Protagonist

Caesar Federici, Apostolic Protagonist

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[*Latin ed. p. 30*]

30 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary V. From the Koudougou (Ouahigouya) Diocese, from the Koudougou Diocese in French West Africa, the entire territory is separated, which includes the civil region of Ouahigouya, and from this, a new diocese is established, to be called (Ouahigouya). PIUS, Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God, for the perpetual memory of the matter, it is our solemn duty and mandate, which we have received divinely, to consult for the benefit of all men, and, above all, to make decisions that may more suitably promote and embrace the law and doctrine of Jesus Christ. Therefore, when our Venerable Brothers, Cardinals, Prefects of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, have judged it to be most opportune for the Christian faith to be spread among those who worship idols, if a new diocese were to be established from the Koudougou Diocese in French West Africa, and, having previously granted the necessary powers to us, the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith has decided this, We, having heard the opinion of our Venerable Brothers Marcellus Lefebvre, Archbishop of Dakar and Apostolic Delegate in French Africa, and Joseph Bretault, Bishop of Koudougou, supplementing their consent, who have some right in this matter, and fully approving the decision of the same

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Sacred Congregation, by our supreme authority, We decree and order the following: From the Koudougou Diocese, the entire territory is separated, which commonly includes the region of Ouahigouya, and from this, a new diocese is established, to be called the Ouahigouya Diocese. This diocese, subject to the jurisdiction of the same Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, is placed under the metropolitan See of Ouagadougou as a suffragan, and is entrusted to missionaries for its administration. The seat of the diocese and the residence of the Bishop will be in the city of Ouahigouya; the cathedral will be in the church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Liberator of the Holy, and We elevate this building to the rank and dignity of a cathedral. We grant to the newly established diocese and to its sacred Prelate all the rights that belong to it by order; and We also impose upon the Bishop the duties that are appropriate to his office. If it can be done, a College of Canons should be established; if not, diocesan consultants should be chosen for the time being, to assist the Bishop in his work and counsel. Also, a seminary, at least an elementary one, should be built, to receive boys of good hope and to educate them for the ministry, according to the norms and laws, whether of common law or of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. A table, which is called the episcopal table, shall be established: supported by the revenues of the Curia; by the offerings of the people; and by any goods that may be available.

[*Latin ed. p. 31*]

The acts of Pope Pius XII, number 31, pertaining to the table of the Church of Koudougou, in proportion, according to canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law; and finally, the funds which the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith usually sends. The governance, administration of the diocese, the election of the Capitular Vicar, in the event of a vacancy of the See, the rights and obligations of the clergy and the people, and other matters of this kind, shall be regulated by Canon Law. Furthermore, documents and acts pertaining to the new See shall be sent to its episcopal curia, and shall be kept there in the archives of religious affairs. Moreover, we wish that these things which we have commanded be carried out by the Venerable Brother Marcel Lefebvre, whom we remember, either by himself or by a representative, provided that he possesses a distinguished priesthood and the necessary faculties for this purpose. Once the matter is completed, he will take care to draw up the aforementioned documents, and will send true copies thereof to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith as soon as possible. If, at the time when these things must be done, another person presides over the Apostolic Delegation in French West Africa, he shall carry out our instructions. We wish these letters to be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those for whom these things are intended

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will religiously observe what has been decreed by them, and thus obtain their full force. No prescriptions of any kind shall be able to be contrary to the effectiveness of these letters, since by these letters we abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be declared entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of the person holding the highest ecclesiastical dignity, and which are signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented. Let those who in any way despise or disregard Our decrees know that they will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the third and twentieth day of the month of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, the twentieth year of Our pontificate.

CELSUS Card. COSTANTINI, Secretary of State.

PETRUS Card. FUMASONI BIONDI, Prefect of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancellor.

Albertus Serafini, Prot. Apost.

Caesar Federici, Prot. Apost.

Loco iii Plumbi In Ap. Cane, tab., vol. XCYIH, n. 89.

[*Latin ed. p. 32*]

32 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary on the APOSTOLIC LETTER concerning the election of the MOST BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IMMACULATE as the principal patroness before God for the entire Military Vicariate of the Philippine Islands. POPE PIUS XII, for the perpetual memory of the matter. — Whatever is undertaken to expand and increase the Kingdom of Christ, or even to defend the Faith, we do with the utmost zeal, and we never cease to foster it. Therefore, the news brought to Us by the Most Reverend Brother Rufinus J. Santos, Archbishop of Manila and Military Vicar of the Philippine Islands, that all the soldiers, under the guidance of their chaplains, have chosen the Most Blessed Virgin Immaculate as their heavenly patroness, brought great solace to Our heart. Since the same Most Reverend Archbishop had earnestly requested Us to lend Our supreme authority in confirming such patronage for the soldiers of the Philippine Islands, so that it might be strengthened, We, so that the piety of the soldiers would not lack a fitting reward, have graciously and willingly decided to fulfill their wishes. Therefore, after consultation with the Congregation for Sacred Rites, with Our certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and with the fullness of Our Apostolic authority, by the force

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of these Letters and perpetually, We confirm, or rather declare anew, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary Immaculate as the principal patroness before God for the entire Military Vicariate of the Philippine Islands, granting to her all the honors and liturgical privileges that rightly belong to the patrons of orders or groups. All contrary things notwithstanding. These things We decree, establish, and ordain, declaring that these present Letters shall forever remain valid and effective; shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and shall fully prevail and be considered valid for those to whom they pertain, now and in the future; and that they shall be rightly judged and defined; and that they shall be declared void from this moment and null and void, if anything contrary to these things should be attempted by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, with any authority whatsoever. Given at Rome, near Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's ring, on the sixteenth day of the month of July, in the twentieth year of Our pontificate. By the special mandate of the Most Holy Cardinal Gildo Brugnola, Prefect of the Apostolic Briefs, for the affairs of the Church.

[*Latin ed. p. 33*]

33. Acts of Pope Pius XII, II. PAROCHIAL CHURCH DEDICATED TO THE BASILICA OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. The honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was taken up into Heaven, is increased in the city of ((MÃ¶rlen)), and in the Diocese of DERTOSENSIS. POPE PIUS XII. For the perpetual memory of this. — It is declared that a temple, a singular work of piety and an outstanding achievement of art, has been erected in Augsburg, dedicated to the Virgin Mary who was received among the stars, by which the city of "MÃ¶rlen," situated within the boundaries of the Diocese of Dertòsen, is distinguished. The beginning of this Christian building dates back to that time when, after the Muslim army, which had conquered Spain by arms, was defeated, the zeal for the victorious religion increased; hence, the temple that existed there was converted into a sanctuary dedicated to her, who is "Thou art beautiful, O my love, sweet and comely as Jerusalem terrible as an army set in array." (Song 6:3). When this temple could no longer accommodate the growing number of the faithful, a new church was begun to be built in 1269, with the common enthusiasm of the clergy and the people; which, elegantly built and decorated, was completed in 1299. Those who behold it are filled with wonder: for the Gothic style of its structure, especially the ornamentation of the doors, the sublime choir, and the sculpted images, make it a rare work of art, so that it deserves to be counted among the public monuments of the Spanish nation. Furthermore, it is remarkable for its size. But its greatest glory is increased by the singular piety with which the citizens are devoted to the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist and to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Solemn celebrations are usually held in honor of Christ the Lord under the species of bread, whether on the

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feast day of His Body, or during public prayers held at the fourth hour, or other ceremonies of this, with the participation of the entire people, under the auspices of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Sacrament. The Blessed Virgin Mary, who was taken up into heavenly glory, Queen of the Universe and Mother of God, is prayed to and venerated with inflamed hearts. Furthermore, in this home of religion, Saint Vincent Ferrerius and Saint Joseph Calasanctius inspired the most pious sentiments; and the Supreme Pontiffs have enriched it with special gifts and benefits; and it is fitting to mention that Pope Innocent XII, our Predecessor, while holding the principate of the Christian priesthood, in the year 1700, dedicated this notable temple to the Archbasilica of the Lateran. 3 - ACTA, vol. I, n. 1. — 24-1-1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 34*]

34 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary, compiled. Since this Marian sanctuary is commended by manifold praise, the Venerable Brother Emmanuel Moll Salord, Bishop of Tortosa, requested that We, also signifying the wishes of the city's governor, grant it the title and status of a Minor Basilica. Gladly complying with these requests, We, after consultation with the Sacred Congregation of Rites, with certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic power, by these letters, perpetually and in the manner of a parish church, consecrate the church dedicated to the glorious Virgin Mary, assumed into heaven, in the city called "Morella," to the honor and dignity of a Minor Basilica, with all the rights and privileges that properly belong to temples bearing the same title. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions. We decree, establish, and ordain that these present letters shall forever remain valid and effective; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that those to whom they pertain, now and in the future, shall fully observe them; and that they shall be duly judged and defined; and that they shall be null and void from this moment, if anything contrary to these provisions should be attempted by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, with any authority whatsoever. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, under the Fisherman's ring, on the nineteenth day of the month of July, in the year 1958, the twentieth year of Our pontificate. By special mandate of the Most Holy Cardinal Gildo Bruggner, Prefect for Public Affairs of the Church, the following is decreed concerning the honors and privileges of the church, commonly called "Gesù Vecchio," located in Naples: PIUS PP. XII. For the perpetual memory of the matter. — It appears that the illustrious city of Naples was chosen by the august Virgin, who, led by a singular devotion, established not only one, but several places of piety, where she would be especially venerated by her children. Among these places of religion, the ancient temple dedicated to the name of Jesus, commonly called "Gesù Vecchio," is said to be very old. There, more than 150 years ago, the image of the Blessed

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Virgin Mary,

[*Latin ed. p. 35*]

The Acts of Pope Pius XII, page 35, state that, being free from the first sin, a proposal was made by the Venerable Servant of God, Placidus Baccher, that special honors be granted to her by the Christian people. And the illustrious Queen of Heaven and Earth, devoutly invoked, heard the supplications in a truly wondrous manner. This devotion to religion has never diminished over the years, but continues to hold the hearts of the people of Naples, who frequently come to this shrine. It is also pleasing to remember that in the year 1826, by the authority of the Vatican College of Canons, a golden crown was bestowed upon her, and our Predecessor of blessed memory, the Servant of God, Pope Pius IX, while residing in Naples, on the ninth day of the month of September in the year 1849, performed a sacred act before this very image. The temple itself, where so many faithful come to honor the Virgin Mary, is also remarkable for its antiquity, and its grandeur and magnificence inspire admiration. It was built on the site where, in ancient times, there stood a church dedicated to Saints John and Paul, which, from earlier times, was known as the "middle church," a place to be restored. Adjoining the new and spacious temple is the monastery of the Jesuit Fathers, where the illustrious example of probity and virtue, Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, once resided. The hall of God shines with the variety of marbles, the craftsmanship of the ceiling, the sculptures and paintings, all created by artists of renowned skill. The sacred furnishings are also abundant and adorned with the relics of the Saints. It is also important to note the clergy who are sufficient in number to serve in the sanctuary and to be available for the ministrations of religion. Now, as the present age celebrates the anniversary of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who, from the beginning of her Immaculate Conception, revealed herself in the cave of Lourdes, and as, as mentioned above, the fiftieth and hundredth anniversaries are celebrated since the Venerable Servant of God, Placidus Baccher, encouraged the Christian people to offer special devotion to the Immaculate Mother of God in this very temple, the Venerable Brother Alphonse Castaldo, Archbishop of Naples, requested that we grant this illustrious church the title and status of a Minor Basilica. Gladly complying with these requests, and after consultation with the Sacred Congregation for Sacred Rites, with our certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of our Apostolic authority, we hereby consecrate this church, dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus in Naples, commonly known as "Gesù Vecchio," and elevate it to the honor and dignity of a Minor Basilica, with all the rights and privileges that properly belong to churches bearing this title. Notwithstanding any objections to the contrary. These things we decree, establish, and declare, and these present letters shall remain forever

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valid and in force.

[*Latin ed. p. 36*]

36 Acta Apostolicae Sedis – An official commentary which will produce and obtain complete and perfect effects; and those to whom it pertains, or may pertain, will fully support it now and forever; and thus it must be rightly judged and defined; and it will be rendered null and void from this moment and forever, if anything contrary to these things should be attempted by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, with any authority whatsoever. Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's ring, on the twentieth day of July, in the year 1958, the twentieth year of Our Pontificate. By special mandate of the Most Holy Cardinal from the public affairs of the Church, Gildo Brugnola, from Apostolic Briefs.

[*Latin ed. p. 37*]

Sacred Congregational Acts 37. SACRED CONGREGATION CONSISTORIAL.

OF MOYOBAMBA OF SAINT GABRIEL THE VIRGIN PERDULENT OF MARAÑON.

DECREE CONCERNING THE ALTERATION OF BOUNDARIES.

Having diligently considered the spiritual well-being of the entrusted flock, the Most Reverend Fathers Martin Fulgentius Elorza Lejaristi, titular Bishop of Baliana and Prelate Nullius of Moyobamba, and Most Reverend Father Gregory Elias Olazar Muruaga, titular Bishop of Prusa and Apostolic Vicar of Saint Gabriel the Virgin Perdulent of Marañon, petitioned the Apostolic See to alter the boundaries by which, at present, their respective jurisdictions and ecclesiastical territories are defined, so that they might be more suitably arranged.

The Sacred Congregation Consistorial, having received the favorable opinion of the Most Reverend Father Francis Lardone, titular Archbishop of Rhizaena and Apostolic Nuncio in the Republic of Peru, and after due deliberation with the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, and exercising the special faculties granted to it by His Most Holy Father, Pope Pius Divine Providence XI, deemed it fitting to grant their request.

Therefore, with the consent of those who have or are presumed to have an interest, the Sacred Congregation Consistorial, by this present Decree, detaches the territories, or civil regions, commonly known as: Euibayoc, Navarro, Pelejo, and Pongo, from the Prelature Nullius of Moyobamba, and permanently assigns them to the Apostolic Vicariate of Saint Gabriel the Virgin Perdulent of Marañon, thereby altering the boundaries of both ecclesiastical jurisdictions in this manner.

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Furthermore, the Sacred Congregation Consistorial decrees that the clergy who have a legitimate domicile in the aforementioned territories shall, immediately upon the present decree becoming known,

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Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 38. The decree having been carried out, the Vicariate Apostolic of Saint Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin of Marañen is considered to be included. All acts and documents pertaining to the aforementioned civil districts, concerning clergy, the faithful, and temporal goods, shall, as soon as possible, be transmitted from the archives of the Territorial Prelature of Moyobamba to the archives of the Vicariate Apostolic of Saint Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin of Marañón. For these matters, the aforementioned Sacred Consistorial Congregation appoints the Most Reverend Father Francis Lardone to carry out the execution, granting him the necessary and appropriate powers, including the power to delegate, to any man established in ecclesiastical dignity, the burden imposed upon the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, to remit, as soon as it is permissible, an authentic copy of the executed act. Concerning these matters, the present Consistorial Decree shall be valid as if it were issued with an Apostolic letter bearing the seal. Given in Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, on the 12th day of the month of June, in the year 1958. EB MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI, Bishop of Sabina and Manten, Secretary, L. Cfr. Saint Joseph Ferretto, Assistant II.

DECREE CONCERNING THE ALTERATION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF DIOCESES.

Whereas, through solemn agreements, on the 27th day of the month of August of the year 1953, the Apostolic See and the Spanish Government, among other things, agreed that the present boundaries of the dioceses, which encompassed more than several civil provinces, would be gradually altered, after mutual consultation; and whereas, the Most Reverend Father Hildebrand Antoniutti, titular Archbishop of Synnada in Phrygia and Apostolic Nuncio in Spain, having arranged matters appropriately with the Government, requested the same Apostolic See to alter the boundaries of certain dioceses; and whereas, Our Holy Lord Pope Pius, by Divine Providence, PP. XII, having heard the Most Reverend local Ordinaries concerned, and considering that such an alteration of boundaries would greatly benefit the strength and growth of the Catholic Religion, graciously approved the acceptance of the offered petitions.

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The Sacred Consistorial Congregation, therefore, in order that the work may be completed, with the consent of those concerned, or presuming their consent, by the fullness of Apostolic power, by the present Consistorial

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Decree, "distributes" the following:

1. From the diocese of Coria and Castro, all parishes and dependent churches located within the civil province commonly called Salamanca, and the parish commonly called Santa María de Baños de Montemayor.

2. From the diocese of Ciudad Rodrigo, the entire territory with all its parishes, which is located within the civil province called Cáceres.

3. From the diocese of Salamanca, the parishes commonly called: Aldeanueva de la Sierra, Anaya de Huebra with the dependent church of the place commonly called Gallegos de Huebra, Avililla de la Sierra, Mieza, Muñoz, San Muñoz, Sanchón de la Sagrada, and the dependent church called La Sagrada, Tamames, Villares de Yeltes with the dependent church of the place called Pedro Álvaro, and Vilvestre.

4. From the diocese of Ávila, the parishes commonly called: Guijo de Ávila, Cespedosa, Bercimulle, Gallegos del Solmirón, Armenteros, Rágama, Oantaracillo, Bóveda del Bio Almar, Mancera de Abajo, Salmoral, and Iñigos-Blasco, together with the dependent church called Novaombela, and the parishes commonly called Santibáñez de Béjar, Puente de Congosto, Navamorales, and El Tejado, which are located within the civil province commonly called Salamanca, and the parishes El Gordo and Berrocalejo, which are located within the civil province called Cáceres.

5. From the diocese of Piacenza in Spain, all parishes located within the civil province commonly called Ávila, and the parish commonly called N. S. de Olmo de Aldeanueva del Camino, belonging to the civil province now called Cáceres.

Furthermore, His Holiness likewise annexes the aforementioned territories to the following dioceses in the following manner:

1. To the diocese of Salamanca, all parishes and dependent churches that have been separated from the diocese of Coria and Castro by the present Decree.

2. To the diocese of Piacenza in Spain, the aforementioned parish commonly called Santa María de Baños de Montemayor, separated from the diocese of Coria and Castro, and the parishes commonly called El Gordo, Berrocalejo, Santibáñez de Béjar, Puente de Congosto, Navamorales, and El Tejado, which have been separated from the diocese of Ávila, as mentioned above.

3. To the diocese of Coria and Castro, all parishes, as mentioned above, that have been separated from the diocese of Ciudad Rodrigo, and the aforementioned parish commonly called N. S. del Olmo de Aldeanueva del Camino, which has been separated from the diocese of Piacenza in Spain.

4. To the diocese of Ciudad Rodrigo, the aforementioned parishes com-

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monly called Aldeanueva de la

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[*Latin ed. p. 41*]

41. The Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, S. CONGREGATIO DE PROPAGANDA FIDE, LIBEROPOLITANAE - DE POINTE NOIRE, DECREE CONCERNING THE ALTERATION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF DIOCESES.

Since, in French Equatorial Africa, the ecclesiastical boundaries between the Diocese of Liberopolis and the Diocese of Pointe Noire, matters entrusted to the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, no longer adequately responded to the needs of the missionary apostolate, it seemed opportune to proceed with a partial alteration of the boundaries between the aforementioned ecclesiastical jurisdictions. Therefore, this Sacred Council, for the propagation of the Christian Name, having carefully considered the matter,

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taking into account the interests of those involved, and having heard the favorable opinion of the Most Reverend Father Marcel Lefebvre, Archbishop of Dakar and Apostolic Delegate in French Africa, decided that the boundaries between the aforementioned jurisdictions should be amended in such a way that the civil districts commonly called Mayoumba and Tchibanga, which hitherto belonged to the Diocese of Pointe Noire, should be separated from said diocese and attached to the Diocese of Liberopolis, and that the civil district commonly called Zanaga, which hitherto belonged to the Diocese of Liberopolis, should be separated from said diocese and attached to the Diocese of Pointe Noire.

This decision was ratified and confirmed by the same Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, by virtue of the special faculties granted to it by the Most Holy Pope John, by the Divine Providence, XXIII, and the present Decree is issued for the matter at hand.

Given at Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, on the 28th day of the month of November, in the year of Our Lord 1958.

P. Card. FUMASONT BIONDI, Prefect.

L. © S. : f P. Sigismondi, Archbishop titular of Neapolis in Pisidia, from the Secretariat.

[*Latin ed. p. 42*]

42 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary II. PROVISION FOR THE CHURCH. The Most Holy Pope John, by Divine Providence, Pp. XXIII, has, in order to provide for the Church anew, designated the following, namely: on November 28, 1958. — To the titular episcopal see of the Bagaiensi Church, he appointed the Most Reverend Father Bernard Regno, O.S.B., formerly Bishop of Kandiensem. III. NOMINATIONS. By the Decrees, as stated below, the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith announced, with its approval: on November 13, 1958. — Reverend Father William Van den Elzen, O.E.S.A., Apostolic Prefect of the newly established Apostolic Prefecture of Dorumaënsis. — Reverend Father Christopher Ttlyatt, O.F.M., Apostolic Prefect of the newly established Apostolic Prefecture of Vollcrustensis. on December 5. — Reverend Father William Previtali, O.F.M., Apostolic Prefect of the Apostolic Prefecture of Misuratensis. — Reverend Father John Baptist Coudray, of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, Apostolic Prefect of the Apostolic Prefecture of Kanhanensis. SACRED CONGREGATION FOR RITES. REGARDING THE BEATIFICATION AND CANONIZATION OF THE SERVANT OF GOD PAULINE DE MALLINCKRODT, FOUNDRESS OF THE SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY, DAUGHTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. CONCERNING A DOUBT. Whether a Commission for the introduction of the Cause should be appointed in this case and to the effect of what is being discussed. *Caritas* is a

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fire descending from heaven: but it is not the fire that devours, which avenges human wickedness, which destroys the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, or which destroys the wicked associates of Dathan and Abiron, or the royal...

[*Latin ed. p. 43*]

The Sacred Congregation of Rites devours forty-three messengers of Elijah; but it is a fire which, like a column, guides us in this life, in the desert, and which Christ carried into the world to set it ablaze. Through the centuries, the inextinguishable flame of this divine fire grows and increases wonderfully, enriching heroes in whom the human race is ennobled and the word of Christ is glorified (E. Card. Pacelli – Pope Pius XII –, *Discorsi e panegirici*, Milan 1939, p. 261). Kindled by this fire, the Handmaid of God, Paulina de Mallinckrodt, understood the poor and the needy, and, embracing them as Christ did, seems rightly to be counted among the heroes of Christian charity. Born in Minden, within the diocese of Paderborn, on June 3, 1817, from a Protestant father and a Catholic mother, of distinguished social standing, she was transferred with her family to Aix-la-Chapelle when she was seven years old, and there she began to stand out among the "holy virgins," as they were commonly called, for her fervor in the Catholic faith. After her mother's death, she demonstrated a remarkable self-denial in her charity towards the weak, the needy, and the young, especially courageously dissuading young women from mixed marriages. With the advice of priests and bishops, and after ten years spent in generous and humble service to the poor, the young, and the blind, she founded, in Paderborn in 1849, the Congregation of the Sisters of Christian Charity, Daughters of the Blessed Virgin Mary Immaculate, and she remained its leader until her death, and which Pope Pius IX approved in 1863. She enlarged the assets of her paternal inheritance in works of charity, and, whether living with her sisters or in poverty, she gave the last penny to the poor. Undeterred by any obstacles, difficulties, or needs, she founded and managed Catholic schools with great joy. With tireless care and unwavering constancy, she devoted herself to her sisters, the blind, and the young, through her words, her writings, and her example, striving to lead all to works of piety, humility, penance, and charity. Despite losing almost all of her houses during that calamitous "Kulturkampf," she almost doubled the number of religious houses and schools in a short space of six years. Not only in that struggle, but throughout a large part of her life, she suffered very serious sorrows, and she was accustomed to surrender herself humbly to the divine Providence. She did not fear to cross the oceans with admirable effort, visiting her houses in both America and her sisters. It is scarcely possible to say how many poor people she comforted with maternal charity, how many young women she instructed, how many wanderers she led to the Church, how many she turned away from the path of perdition, and how many parishes

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or missions in Europe and America she provided with excellent schools and teachers. As founder and first leader, whether by her companions or by outsiders, she was held in high esteem for the brightness and purity of her spirit, for her faith and religion, and for her outstanding talents, as well as for the excellent works she inspired everywhere. She founded the institution firmly and gently.

[*Latin ed. p. 44*]

44 Acta Apostolicae Sedis – The official record governed and promoted [her cause], despite truly arduous obstacles and difficulties. Finally, rich in virtues and merits, adorned with the reputation of holiness, on April 30, 1881, having completed nearly sixty-four years, she fell asleep in the Lord at Paderborn. Due to the increasing fame of her holiness, especially on account of the many graces and miracles attributed to her intercession, in the year 1926, the Archbishop of Paderborn instituted ordinary inquiries regarding the reputation of her holy life, virtues, and miracles, as well as concerning her writings and the devotion to her. Inquiries were also conducted in the dioceses of Osnabrück, Metz, Mechlin, St. James of Chile, the Most Holy Conception, and Chicago; all of which were brought to Rome and diligently examined by the Congregation of Sacred Rites. Following the established legal procedure, on December 6, 1942, a decree concerning the proceedings was issued. In the meantime, several Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, Superiors of Religious Families, and distinguished families of Germany, as well as the Most Reverend Chancellor himself of the Federal Republic of Germany, earnestly implored our Most Holy Lord Pope Pius XII to deign to favorably consider instituting the cause for the beatification of the Handmaid of God. Therefore, at the urgent request of the Reverend Father Anthony Oairoli, O.F.M., the most astute Promoter of the Cause, the undersigned Cardinal Caietan Cicognani, Prefect of the Congregation of Sacred Rites and Promoter of the Cause, in a meeting of the Ordinary Congregation of the Sacred Rites, held on March 11 of this year, proposed the following question for discussion: Whether a Commission should be appointed to introduce the cause of the Handmaid of God Paulina de Mallinckrodt, in the case and for the purpose in question. And the Eminent and Reverend Fathers, entrusted with the safeguarding of the sacred rites, after hearing the report of the aforementioned Promoter, and after hearing the votes of the Prelate Officials, especially the Reverend Father Dr. Sylvius Roman, General Promoter of the Faith, having carefully considered all matters, decided to respond: Affirmatively, that is, that the Commission should be appointed, if it pleases the Most Holy [Pope]. Finally, after all of these matters had been reported to our Most Holy Lord Pope Pius XII by the aforementioned Cardinal, His Holiness, approving the judgment of the Congregation of Sacred Rites, deigned to sign the Commission to introduce the cause of the Handmaid of God Paulina de Mallinck-

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rodt with His own hand. Given at Rome, on May 29, 1958. C. Card. CICOGNANI, Prefect. A. Carinci, Archbishop, Secretary.

[*Latin ed. p. 45*]

The Sacred Congregation of Ceremonies 45. SACRED CONGREGATION OF CEREMONIES. DECREE CONCERNING THE PLACE OCCUPIED BY THE REVEREND FATHER COMMISSIONER OF THE HOLY OFFICE IN "CHAPELS" AND PAPAL CEREMONIES. Among the duties of the Roman Curia, one that should certainly be noted is that of the Commissioner of the Most Holy and Supreme Council for the defense of the Catholic faith and of morals, a duty which, from the very institution of this Council, established by Pope Paul III in 1542 with the Bull "Licet ab initio" on July 21st, has been devoted to instructing and preparing matters of the utmost importance to this Supreme Council, for the protection and benefit of the Catholic Religion. This most excellent duty, which is closely related to the duty of the Assistant of the same Sacred Council, and which has been consistently entrusted to Dominican religious since its inception, has been fulfilled by a distinguished series of Commissioners throughout the centuries, among whom stands out Michael Ghislieri, who later became Pope Pius V, and who illuminated the entire Church and the Chair of Peter with the splendor of all virtues. Therefore, desiring to offer a new sign of his paternal benevolence to the Dominican family, and also to honor the office of Commissioner of the Supreme Council of the Faith with new dignity, the Most Holy Pope Pius XII graciously granted that the Reverend Fathers who held this office "for the time being" should be seated with the Prelates in the "chapels" and papal ceremonies. At the same time, he ordered this Sacred Congregation of Ceremonies, whose duty, according to canon 254, is to establish the order of precedence in the Papal Palace, to issue a proper decree on this matter. Therefore, readily complying with the will of the Supreme Pontiff, the Sacred Congregation of Ceremonies, after mature deliberation and taking into account the nature and importance of the ancient office of the Commissioner of the Holy Office, and also the order of precedence that prevails among the higher Prelates of the Dominican family, has decided and hereby assigns to the Reverend Father Commissioner "for the time being" of the Holy Office, a place in the chapels and papal ceremonies, after the Auditors of the Sacred Roman Rota, and indeed, next to the Reverend Master of the Sacred Palace.

[*Latin ed. p. 46*]

46 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary of the Apostolic See, located in the Pontifical Halls, to the left of the aforementioned Reverend Most Holy Apostolic Father. All of these matters, having been reported to the Supreme Pontiff on April 19th, 1958, were benevolently approved

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by His Holiness, notwithstanding any objections. Given in Rome, from the Seat of the Sacred Congregation for Ceremonies, on May 15th, 1958. EUGENIUS Caí d. TISSERANT, Bishop of Ostia and Porto, and of S. Rufina, Prefect. L. © S. Beniaminus Nardone, from the Second Secretariat. DECREE CONCERNING THE POSITION OF THE PREFECT OF THE PALATINE HONORARY COHORT IN THE PONTIFICAL HALL. The Prefect of the Palatine Honorary Cohort, through the Sacred Congregation for Ceremonies, presented a petition to the Supreme Pontiff, requesting that he be admitted to the order of noble laymen associated with the Pontifical Hall, and that he be granted a place after the Cubicularii, near the sword and the censer. If this grace were granted to him, he further requested that he, as Proprefect of the same Palatine Cohort, in accordance with the current constitution of that Cohort, be admitted to the Conclave, which is named from the Throne, in the last place. Indeed, this Sacred Congregation for Ceremonies, which has the duty (cf. canon 254) of determining "questions of precedence" in the Pontifical Hall, having heard the opinion of the Sacred Congregation for Public Affairs of the Church, within whose jurisdiction the Palatine Honorary Cohort is located, and also the opinion of the Reverend Master regarding admissions; having carefully considered the most recent merits of that Cohort, especially in its efforts to instill good morals, cultivate the mind, and maintain military discipline, so that both ecclesiastical and civil, and military authorities have testified to their admiration; and finally, having recalled the decree issued by the Sacred Congregation for Ceremonies on May 1st, 1865, by which a place among the innermost Cubicularii, near the sword and the censer, was granted to the Prefect of the Palatine Honorary Cohort, it was decided that the petition of the Prefect of the Palatine Honorary Cohort should be presented to the judgment of the Supreme Pontiff. The petition of the Prefect of the Palatine Honorary Cohort was then presented to Cardinal...

[*Latin ed. p. 47*]

The Sacred Congregation of Ceremonies, number 47 of the Sacred Council entrusted with matters of ceremony, presented this to the Supreme Pontiff, Pope Pius XII, on April 19th, in the year 1958; who, graciously approving the petition, decreed that the Prefect of the Honorary Palatine Cohort should be admitted to the Order of Nobles attached to the Papal Court, after the Chamberlains, in order, from the number of those present, by sword and stole; and also that the Pro-Prefect of the same Cohort should be admitted to the Conclave, to which he is given the title, in the aforementioned place. Notwithstanding any objections whatsoever. Given in Rome, from the Seat of the Sacred Congregation entrusted with matters of ceremony, on May 15th, in the year 1958.

Eugene Cardinal Tissierant, Bishop of Ostia and Porto and of St. Rufina,

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Prefect.

Beniaminus Nardone, of the Secretariat.

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ACTA OF THE SACRED PENITENTIARY TRIBUNAL

APOSTOLIC OFFICE FOR INDULGENCES

I. APOSTOLIC INDULGENCES

"Which the Most Holy Pope John XXIII, benignly granted to the Christian faithful, who, having the power, either by themselves or through a priest named Benedict, possess a pious or religious object, and have fulfilled certain specific conditions, as imparted in an audience to the undersigned Cardinal Penitentiary Major on November 22, 1958."

INDULGENCES:

1. Whoever habitually recites, at least once a week, the Rosary, or one of the Rosaries of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or the Rosary itself, or at least one-third of it, or the Little Office of the same Blessed Virgin Mary, or at least Vespers or None with the prayers of the Office for the Dead, or penitential Psalms or Graduals, or who habitually performs, at least once a week, some work from those recognized under the title "Works of Mercy," such as helping the poor, visiting the sick, instructing the uninstructed, praying for the living and the dead, etc., or who attends Mass, observing the conditions of sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, and some prayer according to the mind of the Supreme Pontiff, shall gain an Indulgence, plenary on the days of the Nativity of the Lord, the Epiphany, the Resurrection, the Ascension, Pentecost, the Most Holy Trinity, the Body and Blood of the Lord, and also of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ King, the Purification, the Annunciation, the Assumption, the Nativity, the Immaculate Conception, the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and also of the Immaculate Heart of the same, on the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary Queen, on the feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist; on both feasts of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mother (March 19th and May 1st), on the feasts of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, Philip, and James, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, and Jude, Matthias, and of All Saints.

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Sacra Penitentiaria Apostólica 49. If anyone has not approached the sacramental Confession, nor the Holy Communion, but has, with a contrite heart, prayed for a time according to the mind of the Supreme

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Pontiff, he shall gain, each day as mentioned above, a partial Indulgence of seven years. Furthermore, whoever performs any of the aforementioned works of piety or charity, shall, each time he performs them, gain a partial Indulgence of three years.

2. Priests, who, without any legitimate impediment, are accustomed to celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass daily, shall gain a plenary Indulgence on the aforementioned feast days, together with sacramental Confession and prayer according to the mind of the Supreme Pontiff. Whenever they offer the Holy Sacrifice, they shall acquire a partial Indulgence of five years.

3. Those who are bound by the recitation of the Divine Office, if they fulfill this obligation, shall gain a plenary Indulgence on the same feast days mentioned above, observing also the conditions of sacramental Confession, the Holy Communion, and prayer according to the mind of the Supreme Pontiff. Whoever performs this, even with a contrite heart, shall gain a partial Indulgence of five years each time.

4. Whoever, at the first light of dawn, then at midday, and then before Vespers, or whenever he is able afterwards, recites the prayer commonly known as the Angelus, and during the Paschal season, the Regina Caeli, or, if he is ignorant of these prayers, recites five times the Hail Mary; and also, before the first hour of the night, recites the Psalm De profundis, or, if he does not know it, the Our Father with the Hail Mary and Requiem, shall gain a partial Indulgence of five hundred days.

5. He shall acquire the same Indulgence who, on any Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ, devoutly reflects upon it for a time, and devoutly recites the Our Father and the Angelic Salutation three times.

6. Whoever has examined his conscience and sincerely detests his sins with the purpose of amending himself, and devoutly recites once the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be to the Father in honor of the Most Holy Trinity, or five times the Glory Be in memory of the Five Wounds of Our Lord Jesus Christ, shall gain an Indulgence of three hundred days.

7. Whoever prays for the dying, reciting at least once the Our Father with the Hail Mary for them, shall gain a partial Indulgence of one hundred days.

8. Whoever, finally, being in the article of death, commendeth his soul devoutly to God, and, having been duly confessed and refreshed by the Holy Communion, or having received the last unction, shall gain a plenary Indulgence.

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Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 60: He who, with a contrite heart, invokes the Most Holy Name of Jesus, if he can, but if not, at

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least in his heart, and patiently accepts death from the hand of the Lord, as the price of sin, shall obtain a plenary Indulgence.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Only those objects which are suitable for receiving the blessing for gaining Apostolic Indulgences are: rosaries, crosses, crucifixes, small religious statues, and sacred medals, provided that they are not made of tin, lead, blown glass, or any other similar material that can easily be broken or consumed.

2. Images of the Saints should not represent anyone other than those who have been duly canonized or are recorded in approved martyrologies.

3. In order for one to be able to gain Apostolic Indulgences, it is necessary that he wear upon himself, or decently keep in his house, some of the objects that have been blessed by the Supreme Pontiff himself, or by a priest with the proper authority.

4. By the express declaration of Our Most Holy Lord, the granting of Apostolic Indulgences does not in any way diminish Indulgences that have already been granted by the Supreme Pontiffs for prayers, pious exercises, or works of charity.

Given in Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Penitentiary, on the 22nd of November, 1958.

N. Card. CANALI, Major Penitentiary.

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INVOCATION TO JESUS CHRIST, KING OF INDULGENCES:

Our Most Holy Lord, Pope John, Divine Providence, PP. XXIII, in an audience granted in writing to the Cardinal Major Penitentiary on the 6th of December of the current year, deigned graciously to grant a partial Indulgence of three hundred days, to be gained by the faithful at least with a contrite heart, each time they devoutly recite the invocation: "O Jesus, King of love, have confidence in your merciful goodness," as well as a plenary Indulgence, to be obtained under the usual conditions, provided that the daily recitation of the invocation is continued for the entire month.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary.

Given from the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary, on the 12th of December, 1958.

N. Card. CANALI, Major Penitentiary.

L. S S. I. Rossi, Secretary.

[*Latin ed. p. 51*]

From the Diary of the Roman Curia 51. DIARY OF THE ROMAN CURIA. SECRETARY'S REGISTER OF STATE. By order of the Most Holy Pope Pius XII, of blessed memory, the following were appointed: Domestic Prelates

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of His Holiness: on December 5, 1957. Monsignor Carreen Jesús J., of the diocese of Tacámbaro. On March 26, 1958. Monsignor Rosales Claros Walter, of the diocese of Cochabamba. Monsignor Géricke Suarez Carlo., of the diocese of Santa Cruz de la Sierra. Monsignor Henneke Lorenzo, of the archdiocese of Paderborn. On April 16. Monsignor Schauerte Enrico, of the same archdiocese. On May 10. Monsignor Dion Carlo Augusto, of the diocese of Amos. Monsignor Morasse Alberto, of the same diocese. Monsignor Gizara Romano Ludovico, of the diocese of Scranton. On June 27. Monsignor Griffin Giuseppe Luigi, of the same diocese. Monsignor O'Hara Giacomo Enrico, of the same diocese. Monsignor Polena Michele Cirillo, of the same diocese. Monsignor Schmidt Francesco A., of the same diocese. Monsignor Halpin Roberto J., of the diocese of Lafayette in Indiana. Monsignor Welsh Paolo A., of the same diocese. Monsignor Breen Sidney Francesco, of the archdiocese of Liverpool. Monsignor Bourdages Alcide, of the diocese of Gaspé. Monsignor Sévigny Donato, of the same diocese. Monsignor Fitzsimons Edoardo J., of the diocese of Burlington. Monsignor Haverty Giovanni P., of the archdiocese of New York. Monsignor Hunt Leonardo J., of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Krohe Giovanni H., of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Marbach Giuseppe F., of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Weber Giacomo J., of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Delaney Howard L., of the diocese of Pueblo. Monsignor Stauter Patrizio C, of the same diocese. Monsignor Sewell Guglielmo Giuseppe, of the diocese of Salford. Monsignor Stoffel Gerolamo C., of the diocese of Salt Lake City.

[*Latin ed. p. 52*]

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Monsignor York, John A., of the same archdiocese. » Reverend Monsignor Lynch, George Edward, of the diocese of Raleigh. » » Reverend Monsignor Coburn, Vincent P., of the archdiocese of Newark. » Reverend Monsignor Dougherty, John J., of the same archdiocese. » 17 18 24 » » » » » » » 29 » » » » » » » » » » » » » » 6 August » Reverend Monsignor Doyle, Joseph A., of the same archdiocese. » Reverend Monsignor Savasta, Vincent, of the archdiocese of Palermo. » Reverend Monsignor Boaqueña, Boniface, of the archdiocese of Caceres. » Reverend Monsignor Canili, Geraldo A., of the archdiocese of New York. » Reverend Monsignor Heaney, Joseph A., of the same archdiocese. » Reverend Monsignor Brady, John F., of the diocese of Paterson. » Reverend Monsignor Furman, John D., of the same diocese. » Reverend Monsignor Molloy, Thomas J., of the same diocese. » Reverend Monsignor Suchon, Emiliano R., of the same diocese. » Reverend Monsignor Veith, Henry M., of the same diocese. » Reverend Monsignor Barbier, Francis D., of the archdiocese of New Orleans. » Reverend Monsignor Brue, Arthur P., of the same archdiocese. » Reverend Monsignor Gaudin, Paul G., of the same archdiocese. » Reverend Monsignor Janssen, Joseph P., of the same archdiocese. » Reverend Monsignor Kerlec, Armando M., of the same archdiocese. » Reverend Monsignor Quinn, Patrick J., of the same archdiocese. » Reverend Monsignor Raine, Robert G., of the same archdiocese. » Reverend Monsignor Screen, Arthur T., of the same archdiocese. » Reverend Monsignor Toups, Julius S., of the same archdiocese. » Reverend Monsignor Vath, Joseph G., of the same archdiocese. » Reverend Monsignor Wegmann, Anthony J., of the same archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Raymond A. Wegmann, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Agostino Peraechi, of the Diocese of Tarquinia.

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Most Reverend Marcello Lauer, of the Diocese of Versailles.

Most Reverend Angelo Umberto Jacome, of the Archdiocese of Quito.

Most Reverend Gilberto Tapia, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend William Brunner, of the Diocese of Middlesbrough.

Most Reverend William E. Grasar, of the Diocese of Nottingham.

Most Reverend Luigi Quaglia, of the Archdiocese of Turin.

Most Reverend Emmanuel M. Urbina, of the Archdiocese of Tapachula.

Most Reverend James Brüning, of the Apostolic Exarchate of Pittsburgh.

September 3.

Most Reverend Eustace Malone, of the Diocese of Leeds.

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Most Reverend Vincent Sweeney, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Henry Onesimo Grenier, of the Diocese of Pembroke.

Most Reverend Renato Lallement, of the Archdiocese of Rheims.

Most Reverend Joseph Catalano, of the Diocese of Muro Lucano.

Most Reverend Anthony Montrouge, of the Diocese of La Réunion.

Most Reverend Leo Maria Martinez Fernandez, of the Diocese of Bilbao.

October 4.

Most Reverend Francis Joseph Anunciaçâo Barbosa, of the Archdiocese of Goa and Damão.

Extraordinary Chamberlains to His Holiness:

November 8, 1957.

Most Reverend Louis Groesch, of the Diocese of Fulda.

January 31, 1958.

Most Reverend Albert Faure, of the Archdiocese of Cologne.

Most Reverend John Henry Gertges, of the same Archdiocese.

March 14.

Most Reverend Joseph Radermacher, of the same Archdiocese.

April 16.

Most Reverend Francis Xavier Jansen, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Paul Benkart, of the Diocese of Mainz.

Most Reverend Ludolf Komorowski, of the Archdiocese of Paderborn.

Most Reverend Louis Naschen, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Frederick Thiessen, of the Diocese of Ratisbon.

Most Reverend Frederick Jander, of the Archdiocese of Cologne.

Most Reverend Hermann Rudolph Peil, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Dominic Barry, of the Diocese of St. Augustine.

May 17.

Most Reverend John P. Burns, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend William F. McKeever, of the same Diocese.

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cese of New York. Most Reverend Subotich, George L., of the diocese of Pueblo. » Most Reverend Darby, Richard Augustine, of the Archdiocese of Sydney. Most Reverend Lloyd, Francis, of the same Archdiocese. Most Reverend Peoples, John Joseph, of the same Archdiocese. Most Reverend Aglialoro, Vincent, of the Archdiocese of Palermo. Most Reverend Baquedano, Silvano, of the diocese of Monterey-Fresno. Most Reverend Buchley, Michael G., of the same diocese. Most Reverend McGolrick, Joseph E., of the same diocese. Most Reverend McGovern, Thomas Francis, of the same diocese. Most Reverend McKenna, Francis Gerard, of the same diocese. Most Reverend Ryan, John, of the same diocese. Most Reverend Smith, Joseph F., of the same diocese. Most Reverend Beck, Henry C, of the Archdiocese of Newark. Most Reverend Costello, Joseph A., of the same Archdiocese. Most Reverend Cunningham, Thomas W., of the same Archdiocese. Most Reverend Fronczak, Michael I., of the same Archdiocese. Most Reverend Gillhooly, Thomas I., of the same Archdiocese. Most Reverend Murphy, Charles B., of the same Archdiocese. Most Reverend Reardon, Thomas M., of the same Archdiocese. Most Reverend Stolz, Bernard, of the diocese of San Gallo. Most Reverend Vargas, Vincent, of the Archdiocese of Caceres. Most Reverend Yligan, Porfirio, of the same Archdiocese. Most Reverend Yllana, Alfred, of the same Archdiocese. Most Reverend Brestel, Joseph R., of the diocese of Paterson. Most Reverend Gallo, Joseph J., of the same diocese. Most Reverend Haag, Christian D., of the same diocese. Most Reverend McKenna, John E., of the same diocese. Most Reverend Murphy, Francis H., of the same diocese. July 4 » 11 » » » » » » » » » » » » » » » » » 15 » » » » 29 » » » » » » » » »

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Diarium Romanae: July 29; August 6; September 21; September 29; October 4; October 11; October 17; October 25; 1958.

Most Reverend Monsignor Wall, William N., of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Hendry, Reginald, of the diocese of Argyll and the Isles.

Most Reverend Monsignor Adams, John J., of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Most Reverend Monsignor Marionneaux, Louis E., of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Arlandini, John, of the diocese of Alexandria.

Most Reverend Monsignor Ferrari, Daniel, of the diocese of Bergamo.

Most Reverend Monsignor Salvi, Charles, of the diocese of Macerata.

Most Reverend Monsignor Cantalini, Sebastian, of the Archdiocese of L'Aquila.

Most Reverend Monsignor Cavanna, Peter, of the diocese of Piacenza.

Most Reverend Monsignor Perini, Celso, of the same diocese.

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Most Reverend Monsignor Scala, Richard, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Veneziani, Paul, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Fasciolo, Angelo, of the diocese of Rieti.

Most Reverend Monsignor Firmi, Louis, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Peduzzi, Dominic, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Pietrolucci, Angelo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Rinaldi, John, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Saniori, Vincent, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Verna, Silvio, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Anastasio, Leandro, of the Archdiocese of Naples.

Most Reverend Monsignor Padmasepoetra, Hardjana Obrus, John, of the Apostolic Vicariate of Semarang.

Most Reverend Monsignor Cordéiro, Cosma, Joseph Feliciano, of the Archdiocese of Goa and Damão.

Most Reverend Monsignor Godinho, Maximus, John, Anthony, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Gonçalves, Raoul, Nicholas, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Rebelo, Rosa, Ignatius, Francis, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Finazzo, Anthony, of the Archdiocese of Monreale.

Most Reverend Monsignor Brizzi, Germanus, of the diocese of Pescia.

Most Reverend Monsignor Menicucci, Guy, of the same diocese.

With tickets from the Secretariat of State, the Holy Father, John XXIII, happily reigning, deigned to appoint:

January 9, 1959.

The Most Reverend and Reverend Monsignors Brennan, Francis J., and Doheny, William, and the Reverend Father Morris, Hilary M., of the Servants of Mary, as Consultors of the Sacred Congregation for the Discipline of the Sacraments.

The Reverend Father Wambacq, Benjamin, of the Promotians, as Under-Secretary of the Pontifical Commission for Biblical Studies.

[*Latin ed. p. 56*]

50 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary, January 16, 1959. The Most Reverend and Venerable Lords, Cardinals Agagianian Gregory Peter and Tardini Domenico, Members of the Pontifical Commission for Biblical Studies.

19. The Reverend Monsignor Verdelli Giovanni Battista, Under-Secretary

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of the Sacred Congregation of Religious. Assistants to the Pontifical Throne: November 1958.

His Excellency Monsignor Carinci Alberto, Bishop of Boiano and Campobasso.

His Excellency Monsignor Baldini Faustino, Bishop of Massa Marittima.

Apostolic Protonotaries, as if participants: December 19, 1958.

Monsignor Ruggle Leo P., of the diocese of Kansas City.

Monsignor Schumacher Riccardo J., of the same diocese.

Domestic Prelates of His Holiness: November 5, 1958.

Monsignor Desrumeaux Carlo, of the Archdiocese of Paris.

9. Monsignor Silvestrini Francesco, of the Patriarchate of Venice.

13. Monsignor Pasin Giovanni, of the diocese of Vittorio Veneto.

14. Monsignor Bargiggia Carlo, of the Archdiocese of Milan.

28. Monsignor Felici Angelo, of the diocese of Segni.

Monsignor Cardinale Igino (Rome).

December 12. Monsignor Roberti Alessandro, of the diocese of Pergola.

17. Monsignor Barbieri Pietro, of the diocese of Vigevano.

Secret Chamberlains Extraordinary of His Holiness: November 7, 1958.

Monsignor Blacet Guglielmo, of the diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

Monsignor Hogan Roberto, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Me Auliffe Michele, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Ferretti Giuseppe, of the diocese of Bobbio.

13. Monsignor Ghirardelli Antonio, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Pagliughi Luigi, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Carini Igino, of the diocese of Fidenza.

Monsignor Fratini Primo, of the diocese of Macerata and Tolentino.

Monsignor Gallegati Elio, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Del Monte Aldo, of the diocese of Tortona.

Monsignor Vailati Valentino, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Forte Carmelo, of the diocese of Policastro.

17. Monsignor Alessandri Michelangelo (Rome).

Monsignor Koksa Giorgio, of the Archdiocese of Zagreb.

19. Monsignor Nuié Mattia, of the diocese of Mostar.

21. Monsignor Bavdaz Vladislao, of the Archdiocese of Gorizia.

28. Monsignor Bo Giuseppe, of the diocese of Asti.

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From the Diary of the Roman Curia, November 28, 1958.

Most Reverend Alberto Bovone, of the diocese of Alexandria.

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Most Reverend Giorgio D'Avack (Rome).

Most Reverend Luigi Felici (Rome).

Most Reverend Claudio Morino, of the diocese of Acqui.

Most Reverend Giovanni Oddone, of the diocese of Alexandria.

Most Reverend Innocenzo Parisella, of the archdiocese of Gaeta.

Most Reverend Arcangelo Ranaudo, of the archdiocese of Benevento.

Most Reverend Martino Bocconi, of the archdiocese of Zara.

Most Reverend Giovanni Sanna, of the archdiocese of Sassari.

Most Reverend Giuseppe Failla, of the archdiocese of Monreale.

Most Reverend Nevio Ancarani, of the diocese of Rimini.

Most Reverend Leopoldo Conti, of the diocese of Trivento.

Most Reverend Piermauro Valoti, of the diocese of Bergamo.

December 12.

Most Reverend Giovanni Rainieri Van Dael, of the diocese of Rotterdam.

Most Reverend Giuseppe Ruberti, of the diocese of Nardo.

On October 31, 1958, the following were appointed as Extraordinary Secret Chamberlains of the Sword and Mantle to His Holiness:

Mr. G. A. Jefferson Caffery, of the diocese of Lafayette.

November 1.

Prince Don Carlo Pacelli (Rome).

Count Enrico Pietro Galeazzi (Rome).

Viscount Eugenio Emilio Tiberghlen, of the diocese of Lille.

Mr. Giuseppe Onorato Gago da Cámara de Medeiros, Viscount do Botelho, of the Patriarchate of Lisbon.

Mr. Casimiro Scacchi, of the diocese of Como.

Mr. Giuseppe Scacchi, of the same diocese.

Mr. Filippo Spada (Rome).

Marquis Luigi Roberto Nasalli Tafiini d'Acceglio (Rome).

Mr. Ottavio Flajani (Rome).

Count Venanzio Battibocca (Rome).

Noble Tommaso Battibocca (Rome).

Noble Giuseppe Tosi (Rome).

Noble Pierluigi Giorgi Costa (Rome).

Marquis Roberto Grossi di Camporsevoli (Rome).

November 2.

Mr. Giorgio W. Strake, of the diocese of Galveston.

November 3.

Count Enrico Cataldi (Rome).

Marquis Carlo Sallier de la Tour (Rome).

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Mr. Cristiano Melchior-Bonnet, of the archdiocese of Paris.

Mr. Ludovico Riccardi, Noble of the Counts (Rome).

Count Vincenzo Maria Petrangolini, of the diocese of Urbino.

Marquis Giuseppe Sacripante Vitutii (Rome).

Count Filippo Maria Petrangolini, of the diocese of Urbino.

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58 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary, November 3, 1958. The Count Antamoro Luigi Carlo (Rome). The Marquis del Carretto di Novello Giacomo (Rome). The Count Pagani Planea Incoronati Alberto (Rome). The Noble Franchi Giuseppe (Rome). Mr. Solari dei Baroni Ugo (Rome).

7. The Count Cavallini Filippo, of the Archdiocese of Bologna. The Count Sassoli de' Bianchi Achille, of the same Archdiocese. The Marquis Serafini Lodovico, of the same Archdiocese. The Marquis Zacchia Rondinini Antonio, of the same Archdiocese. Mr. Miller Giuseppe Zaccaria III, of the Diocese of Kansas City - St Joseph.

8. The Count Blumentstihl Paolo (Rome).

9. Mr. Bellati Bartolomeo, of the Patriarchate of Venice.

11. The Marquis Ferdinando Bisleti, of the Diocese of Veroli-Frosinone.

12. Mr. Santucci dei Conti Giovanni Battista (Rome).

14. Mr. Archi Giuseppe, of the Archdiocese of Florence. Mr. Cassinis Paolo (Rome). The Noble Sterbini Giorgio (Rome).

17. The Baron Raitz de Frentz Edmondo (Rome). The Marquis Viti-Mariani Annibale (Rome).

20. Mr. Sassóli Tomba della Rosa dei Conti Giuseppe (Rome). The Baron Pastor Lodovico, of the Apostolic Administration of Innsbruck.

21. Mr. Swift Giovanni Edoardo, of the Archdiocese of Boston. Mr. Halecki Oscar, of the Archdiocese of New York.

December 5. The Baron Oddasso Francesco Maria (Rome). Mr. Oddasso dei Baroni Aldo (Rome). Mr. de Lorang Carlo (Rome). Mr. Adorni Braccesi dei Conti Nobile Renzo (Rome). Mr. Caracciolo dei Principi di Forino Mario (Rome).

Honorary Chamberlains in the peacock blue attire of His Holiness: November 28, 1958. Monsignor CMappafreddò Franco, of the Diocese of Carpi. Monsignor Mester Stefano, of the Archdiocese of Agria. Monsignor Andriani Giuseppe, of the Archdiocese of Brindisi. Monsignor Cerroni Evaristo, of the Diocese of Tivoli.

December 13. Monsignor Camisassa Marcello, of the Archdiocese of Turin.

Honorary Chamberlains, supernumerary, with Sword and Cape of His Holiness: November 1, 1958. Mr. Cioccetti Urbano (Rome). Mr. Carrara Giovanni (Rome). Mr. Lolli Cesidio (Vatican City). Mr. Seganti Mario (Vat-

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ican City). Mr. Sebastiani Alberto (Rome).

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Diarium Romanae Curiae 59, 1 November 1958.
Mr. Mennini Luigi (Rome).
Mr. Risi Ferreyros Adelmo (Rome).
Mr. Carletti Carlo (Rome).
Mr. Veronese Vittorino (Rome).
Mr. Barbantini Gustavo (Rome).
Mr. Sartor Giuseppe (Rome).
Mr. Sergiacomi Pietro (Rome).
Mr. Magno Luigi (Rome).
Mr. Rebecchini Camillo (Rome).
Mr. Giovannini Giovanni (City of the Vatican).
Mr. Ladelei Francesco (Rome).
Mr. De Rossi Giuseppe (Rome).
Mr. De Camillis Lamberto (Rome).
Mr. Federici Fortunato (Rome).
Mr. La Coco Pietro (Rome).
Mr. Gualdi Stanislao (Rome).
Mr. Sormanti Luigi (Rome).
Mr. Antiliei Fernando (Rome).
Mr. Bianchini Nazareno (Rome).
Mr. Rinaldi Antonio (Rome).
Mr. Donati von Gralath Raffaele (Rome).
Mr. Garavini Tommaso (Rome).
Mr. Clari Pietro, of the Archdiocese of Trento.
Mr. Moro Visconti Giancarlo (Rome).
Mr. Drago Sebastiano (Rome).
Mr. Giacomini Giuseppe Saverio (Rome).
Mr. Grossi Gondi Luigi (Rome).
Mr. Proli Valerio Massimo (Rome).
Mr. Caruana Mario (Rome).
Mr. Antonini Camillo (Rome).
Mr. Sozzi Rosario (Rome).
Mr. D'Amelio Carlo (Rome).
Mr. Salvatori Salvatore (Rome).
Mr. Grillini Guido (Rome).
Mr. Bassetti Piero, of the diocese of Forlì.

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Mr. Ravaglia Francesco Luigi, of the same diocese.

Mr. Fornari Francesco (Rome).

Mr. Catenacci Dino (Rome).

Mr. Romanini Giorgio (Rome).

Mr. Zugaro de Matteis Giuseppe, of the diocese of Penne-Pescara.

Mr. Semeria Arrigo (Rome).

Mr. Vacchini Mario (Rome).

Mr. Rosi Bernardini Enrico (Rome).

Mr. Ciampini Davide, of the diocese of Ascoli Piceno.

Mr. Vicentini Giovanni Battista (Rome).

Mr. Michelagnoli Guido, of the diocese of Prato.

Mr. Baliva Fabrizio (Rome).

Mr. Urso Biagio (Rome).

Mr. Micara Gaetano (Rome).

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60 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary, November 21, 1958. Mr. Luigi Micara (Rome). Mr. Corrado Gatti (Rome). 24 Mr. Giovanni Campa (Rome). Mr. Mario Dotti, of the Archdiocese of Ferrara. 25 Mr. Giuseppe Tancredi (Rome). 27 Mr. Giovanni Pediconi (Rome). December 2. Mr. Giuseppe Sinués y Urbiola, of the Archdiocese of Zaragoza.

HONORS: With letters from the Secretariat of State, the Most Holy Pope Pius XII, of venerable memory, deigned to bestow:

The Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, civil class: August 26, 1958. Upon Mr. Giuseppe Scacchi, of the Diocese of Como.

The Commander's Cross with Plaque of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, civil class: June 17, 1958. Upon Mr. Ignazio A. O'Shaughnessy, of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul, Minnesota.

The Commander's Cross of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, civil class: 1958. Upon Mr. Carlo Gaillard, of the Diocese of Poitiers.

Upon Mr. Augusto Kargl, of the Diocese of St. Pölten.

Upon Mr. Modesto Liquiniano, of the Archdiocese of Pamplona.

Upon Mr. Giovanni B. Farley, of the Diocese of Pueblo.

Upon Mr. Rosario Lanza, of the Diocese of Caltanissetta.

Upon Mr. Antonio Tamba, of the Archdiocese of Bologna.

Upon Mr. Lorenzo Collins, of the Diocese of Paterson.

Upon Mr. Shelley Schuster, of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Upon Mr. Giacomo d'Amonville, of the Archdiocese of Versailles.

Upon Mr. Luciano Manche, of the same diocese.

Upon Mr. Giulio Henriquez Contreras, of the Archdiocese of Santiago

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del Chile.

Upon Mr. Mariano Fontecilla Concha, of the same Archdiocese.

Upon Mr. Paolo Brezzi (Rome). 25

Upon Mr. Giorgio A. Pereira, of the Archdiocese of Montevideo.

September 6. Upon Mr. Cesare Braglia, of the Archdiocese of Modena.

September 11. Upon Mr. Mario Caruana (Rome).

September 12. Upon Mr. Gaetano Caruso, of the Archdiocese of Perugia.

September 15. Upon Mr. de la Poëze Goslen, of the Diocese of Tarbes and Lourdes.

September 22. Upon Mr. Ignazio Casalena, of the suburbicarian Diocese of Frascati.

Upon Mr. Felice TJboldi, of the Archdiocese of Milan.

September 24. Upon Mr. Giuseppe Peduzzi, of the same Archdiocese.

September 27.

March 1.

May 23.

June 16.

June 25.

June 26.

July 1.

July 29.

August 6.

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From the Roman Curia Diary, 61, concerning the Knighthood of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, civil class:

September 3, 1957. To Mr. Edgar Leone Vincenzo, of the diocese of Hexham Newcastle.

March 1, 1958. To Mr. Drummond William, of the diocese of Lancaster.

May 17. To Mr. Bureau Marcello, of the archdiocese of Sherbrooke.

June 10. To Mr. Bernard Olodoveo, of the diocese of Gaspé.

June 17. To Mr. Délègue Renato, of the diocese of La Rochelle. To Mr. Descubes Robert, of the same diocese.

June 25. To Mr. Bellinger Olarenzio O., of the diocese of Pueblo. To Mr. Lagerman Richard T., of the same diocese. To Mr. Verlengia Anthony, of the same diocese.

June 30. To Mr. Streift Joseph, of the diocese of Winona.

July 15. To Mr. McCormick Daniel L., of the archdiocese of Newark.

July 29. To Mr. Doody Michael, of the diocese of Paterson. To Mr. Federici Gaetano, of the same diocese. To Mr. Galdieri Dominic, of the same diocese.

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To Mr. Kelley Thomas, of the same diocese. To Mr. Landi John J., of the same diocese. To Mr. Meyer Godfrey, of the same diocese. To Mr. O'Donnell Eugene, of the same diocese. To Mr. O'Shea James J., of the same diocese. To Mr. Phalon Henry, of the same diocese.

August 6. To Mr. Badeaux James L., of the archdiocese of New Orleans. To Mr. Cazalè Philip P., of the same archdiocese. To Mr. De Blieux Joseph D., of the same archdiocese. To Mr. Graugnard John B., of the same archdiocese. To Mr. Grundmann George, of the same archdiocese. To Mr. Henican Caswell, of the same archdiocese. To Mr. Lapeyrouse Edward J., of the same archdiocese. To Mr. Le Blanc Leo L., of the same archdiocese. To Mr. Mary James R., of the same archdiocese. To Mr. Moss Basil A., of the same archdiocese. To Mr. Ragusa Thomas N., of the same archdiocese. To Mr. Robin Ernest G., of the same archdiocese. To Mr. Rouchell William, of the same archdiocese. To Mr. Smith Lawrence P., of the same archdiocese. To Mr. Smith Norey, of the same archdiocese. To Mr. Tomsula Joseph, of the same diocese. To Mr. Walker Andrew, of the same archdiocese. To Mr. Colette Charles, of the diocese of Versailles. To Mr. Curvale John M. A., of the same diocese. To Mr. des Garets Francis, of the same diocese. To Mr. Faber James, of the same diocese. To Mr. Lemaitre Andrew, of the same diocese. To Mr. Mauduit Abel, of the same diocese.

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Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 62, 1958. To the Reverend Mr. Paolo Parsy de Lavigerie, of the same diocese. To the Reverend Mr. Andrea Royer, of the same diocese. To the Reverend Mr. Andrea Tilloy, of the same diocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Paolo Pittamiglio, of the Archdiocese of Montevideo.

September 6th. To the Reverend Mr. Tommaso J. J. Brady, of the Diocese of Southwark.

September 22nd. To the Reverend Mr. Bruno Giorgetti, of the Archdiocese of Milan.

August 13th. To the Reverend Mr. Giulio Vittani, of the same Archdiocese.

The Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Sylvester:

August 16th, 1958. To the Reverend Mr. Giovanni Engel, of the Archdiocese of Paris.

The Insignia of the Order of Saint Sylvester:

September 23rd, 1958. To the Reverend Mr. Lanciotto Malatesta, of the Diocese of Rimini.

The Commanderate of the Order of Saint Sylvester:

February 24th, 1958. To the Reverend Mr. Alfredo Costa Bossi, of the Archdiocese of Sucre.

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To the Reverend Mr. Giuseppe Suarez Calvo, of the same Archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Giulio Lairana, of the Archdiocese of La Paz.

April 15th. To the Reverend Mr. Giovanni Ev. Schmid, of the Archdiocese of Vienne.

June 17th. To the Reverend Mr. Dante De Juliis, of the Archdiocese of Sassari.

June 20th. To the Reverend Mr. Roberto Melina Fortuny, of the Diocese of Broo.

June 24th. To the Reverend Mr. Giuseppe Heuberger, of the Archdiocese of Vienne.

June 30th. To the Reverend Mr. Tancredi Brunetti, of the Diocese of Saluzzo.

July 15th. To the Reverend Mr. Bruno Aversa (Rome).

July 16th. To the Reverend Mr. Giovanni Fornasiero, of the Archdiocese of Chieti.

July 17th. To the Reverend Mr. Marino Golfetto, of the Diocese of Padua.

To the Reverend Mr. Pietro Golfetto, of the same diocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Domenico Giannitelli (Rome).

August 9th. To the Reverend Mr. Vittorio Benedetti, of the Diocese of Padua.

August 21st. To the Reverend Mr. Roberto Albertoni (Rome).

August 29th. To the Reverend Mr. Umberto Grasso, of the Diocese of Chiavari.

To the Reverend Mr. Giovanni Garella, of the Diocese of Novara.

To the Reverend Mr. Mario Tassinari, of the Archdiocese of Ancona.

September 6th. To the Reverend Mr. Abele Albanesi, of the Diocese of Pesaro.

September 9th. To the Reverend Mr. Girolamo Parmigiani, of the Diocese of Piacenza.

September 17th. To the Reverend Mr. Carlo Lepri (Rome).

September 22nd. To the Reverend Mr. Arcangelo Pasculli, of the Diocese of Bitonto.

To the Reverend Mr. Raffaello Meneghini, of the Archdiocese of Milan.

To the Reverend Mr. Dante Proverbio, of the same Archdiocese.

September 24th. To the Reverend Mr. Giovanni Spera (Rome).

September 29th. To the Reverend Mr. Tommaso Cannavale, of the Diocese of Boiano-Campobasso.

To the Reverend Mr. Domenico Barbato, of the Diocese of Civitavecchia.

October 4th. To the Reverend Mr. Robert Fust, of the Apostolic Vicariate

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of Mogadiscio.

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From the Roman Curia Diary, 63: The Knighthood of the Order of Saint Sylvester, Pope: June 14, 1958. To Mr. Robert Hunna, of the Archdiocese of Vienne. To Mr. Leopoldo Breinschmid, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Francesco Miholek, of the same Archdiocese. July 30: To Mr. Ferruccio Cascianini (Rome). July 31: To Mr. Fulvio Recchi (Rome). August 13: To Mr. Alessandro Orosetto, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Mario Negri, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Giuseppe Sartore, of the Diocese of Novara. September 6: To Mr. Patrizio J. Roche, of the Diocese of Southwark. To Mr. Ferdinando Perfetti (Rome). To Mr. Efisio Congiu, of the Diocese of Ales. To Mr. Raul Adami Casaravilla, of the Archdiocese of Montevideo. To Mr. Giacinto D. Muxi, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Fulvio Sirio, of the Diocese of Biel. September 9: To Mr. Aldo Astolfi, of the Diocese of Grosseto. To Mr. Arrigo Malavasi, of the Archdiocese of Modena. October 11: To Mr. Robert Fr. Fust, of the Apostolic Vicariate of Mogadiscio. With tickets from the Secretariat of State, the Holy Father John XXIII, happily reigning, deigned to bestow: The Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Sylvester: November 5, 1958. To Mr. Bernardino Nogara, of the Archdiocese of Milan. The Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, civil class: December 12, 1958. To Mr. Urbano Cioccetti (Rome). The Commanderate of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, civil class: December 3, 1958. To Mr. Michele Clementelli (Rome). December 12: To Mr. Giovanni Giovannini (City of the Vatican). The Commanderate of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, military class: November 14, 1958. To Mr. Luigi Robert Nasalli Taffini, Marquis d'Acceglio (Rome).

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Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary. The Knighthood of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, civil class: November 13, 1958. To Mr. Santoro Arles, of the diocese of Faenza. The Cross of the Order of Saint Sylvester the Pope: December 8, 1958. To Mr. Oellerino Teresio (Italy). The Cross of the Order of Saint Sylvester the Pope: November 3, 1958. To Mr. Vinti Carlo, of the Archdiocese of Brooklyn. 13. To Mr. Giulio Morozzi, of the Archdiocese of Florence. December 3. To Mr. Angelini Attilio (Rome). To Mr. Pistoia Antonio (Rome). 7. To Mr. Bardesono Giacomo, of the diocese of Ivrea. 12. To Mr. Oiarrocchi Vincenzo (Rome). The Knighthood of the Order of Saint Sylvester the Pope: December 1, 1958. To Mr. Orso Giuseppe, of the diocese of Ivrea. 12. To Mr. Catalano Aurelio (Rome). To Mr. Patrizi Mario (Rome). NECROLOGY. December 20, 1958. Most Reverend Jorcin Cosme, Bishop of Digne. 30. Most Reverend Le Blond Carlo Uberto, titular Bishop of Orcisto. January 6, 1959. Most Reverend Portocarrero Costa Joâo Batista, titular Archbishop of Selge. 13. Most

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Reverend Chappoulie Enrico Alessandro, Bishop of Angers. 16. Most Reverend Fontevecchia Michele, titular Bishop of Philadelphia of Arabia. 18. Most Reverend Buddenbrock Teodoro, Archbishop of Lanehow.

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ACTA AP. SEDIS, OFFICIAL COMMENTARY

ACTS OF POPE JOHN XXIII

SOLEMN ADDRESS TO THE VENERABLE FATHERS CARDINALS IN THE CITY OF ROME, IN THE MONASTERY OF THE NEW BENEDICTINE MONKS, OUTSIDE THE WALLS, GIVEN IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PATRIARCH ON THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY AFTER THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY MASS, WHEN THE VENERABLE FATHER HAD BEEN PRESENT AT THE BASILICA OF OSTIA.

Venerable Brothers and beloved Sons, this festive occasion of the Conversion of Saint Paul, gathering us here around the tomb of the Apostle, near his illustrious Basilica, has suggested to us to open our heart in confidence to your goodness and understanding regarding certain more prominent aspects of apostolic activity, which these first three months of presence and contact with the Roman ecclesiastical environment have brought to our attention. Before us lies only the prospect of the good of souls and a clear and defined correspondence of the new Pontificate with the spiritual needs of the present time. We know that from many friendly and fervent places, and from others, malevolent or uncertain, the new Pope is being watched, awaiting what is rightfully to be expected of him. It is natural that, within the fabric of daily activity...

[*Latin ed. p. 66*]

66 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - The Official Commentary, which includes the most significant and ordinary manifestations of the pastoral mission, should establish certain more distinct points, almost as if to mark the characteristic feature, if not the principal and only one, but certainly one of the most expressive features of a pontificate, which is taking its place, more or less successfully, in history. And now, Venerable Brothers and beloved Sons, reflecting on the twofold task entrusted to a Successor of Saint Peter, His Holiness immediately perceives the twofold responsibility of being the Bishop of Rome and the Pastor of the universal Church. Two expressions of a single, supernatural investiture: two attributes that cannot be separated, but rather must be combined with each other, for the encouragement and edification of the clergy and the entire Christian people. First of all, there is Rome: in the course of forty years, completely transformed into a different

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city from when We knew it in Our youth. Here and there, one can still glimpse its most ancient fundamental architectural lines, which sometimes require some effort to find, especially in the outskirts now enveloped in a conglomeration of houses, houses, houses, of families, families, all gathered here from every part of the Italian continent, from the surrounding islands, and one might say from all the world. A veritable human hive from which a continuous and uninterrupted buzzing of confused voices emanates, seeking agreements, which easily intertwine and unravel, making the effort of unifying spirits and constructive energies laborious and slow, in order to achieve an order corresponding to the needs of the religious, civic, and social life of the Urbs. The Cardinal Vicar has informed Us with great diligence about the spiritual situation of Rome from the point of view of religious practice, the organization of the various institutions of a parochial, liturgical, charitable, and Christian educational nature: and We are pleased to seize this opportunity to pay tribute to the reality of a commendable effort, His and that of His collaborators, diligent and incessant in vigilance and in...

[*Latin ed. p. 67*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, paragraph 67: The apostolic work, exercised from the center to the periphery by the secular and regular clergy, as well as by the collaborators of Catholic associations, with righteous and clear intentions, with constant and sincere diligence. However, it happens that we must observe that the evangelical episode of those who are called to follow the Lord and to approach Him, but who are incapable and powerless to find the nourishing food of grace, is renewed and touches the anxious heart of the pastor. Few loaves: few fishes: "There is a boy here that hath five barley loaves and two fishes. But what are these among so many?" [John 6:9]. With this remark, everything is said: concerning an increase in energies, a coordination of individual and collective efforts aimed at producing, with the help of the Lord, intense spiritual cultivation, for a more abundant and happy production of beneficial and holy fruits, in the sense of "adveniat regnum tuum," in a more fruitful parish and diocesan life. But if the Bishop of Rome extends his gaze over the entire world of which he is responsible for the spiritual governance, by the divine mission entrusted to him in the succession of the supreme apostolate, oh, the spectacle! Joyful on one hand, where the grace of Christ continues to multiply fruits and wonders of spiritual elevation, health, and holiness throughout the world; and sad on the other, before the abuse and compromise of the freedom of man, who, not knowing the heavens opened, and refusing faith in Christ, the Son of God, Redeemer of the world, and Founder of the Holy Church, turns entirely to the pursuit of so-called earthly goods, under the inspiration of him whom the Gospel calls the prince of darkness, the prince of this world—as Jesus Himself called him in His last discourse after

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the Supper—organizing contradiction and struggle against the truth and against good, a nefarious position that accentuates the division between those cities that the genius of Saint Augustine calls the two cities, always maintaining active the effort of confusion to deceive, if possible, even the elect, leading them to ruin. To the utmost misfortune for the ranks of the children of God and of...

[*Latin ed. p. 68*]

68 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale. The Holy Church adds the temptation and the attraction towards material advantages that the progress of modern technology – which is, in itself, indifferent – increases and elevates. All of this – let us say, this progress – while distracting from the pursuit of higher goods, weakens the energies of the spirit, leads to the relaxation of the bonds of discipline and the ancient good order, with a grave detriment to that which constituted the strength of resistance of the Church and its children against errors, which, in reality, throughout the course of Christian history, have led to fatal and disastrous divisions, to spiritual and moral decay, and to the ruin of nations. This observation awakens in the heart of the humble priest, whom the manifest indication of Divine Providence has led, although unworthy, to this height of the Supreme Pontificate, awakens – let us say – a firm resolution to recall certain ancient forms of doctrinal affirmation and wise arrangements of ecclesiastical discipline, which, in the history of the Church, in times of renewal, gave fruits of extraordinary effectiveness, for the clarity of thought, for the compactness of religious unity, for the more vivid flame of Christian fervor, which we continue to recognize, even in reference to the well-being of this earthly life, an abundant wealth "of the dew of heaven and of the fatness of the earth" (Genesis XXVII, 28). Venerable Brothers and Beloved Sons! We pronounce before you, certainly trembling a little with emotion, but together with humble resolution of purpose, the name and the proposal of the double celebration: of a Diocesan Synod for the City, and of an Ecumenical Council for the universal Church. For you, Venerable Brothers and Beloved Sons, extensive explanations are not needed regarding the historical and legal significance of these two proposals. They will happily lead to the hoped-for and awaited revision of the Code of Canon Law, which should accompany and crown these two examples of wise application of ecclesiastical provisions.

[*Latin ed. p. 69*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 69, speak of the discipline by which the Spirit of the Lord will guide us along the way. The forthcoming promulgation of the Code of Canon Law for the Eastern Churches gives us a foretaste of these events. For today, this communication is sufficient for the entire Sacred College gathered here, and we will reserve the transmission

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of it to the other Cardinals who have returned to their respective episcopal sees, scattered throughout the world. We shall welcome from each of those present and those absent a heartfelt and confident word that assures us of the dispositions of each individual, and that graciously offers us all those suggestions concerning the implementation of this threefold plan. The knowledge that was already quite familiar to Us, and which these three months since Our introduction to the service "of the servants of God" have confirmed and amplified, encourages Us to trust in heavenly grace: first, in the intercession of the Immaculate Mother of Jesus and our Mother, in the protection of the Saints Peter and Paul, "Princes of the Apostles"; as well as of the Saints John the Baptist and Evangelist, our particular patrons, and of all the Saints of the heavenly court. From all, we implore a good beginning, continuation, and happy success of these endeavors, for the enlightenment, edification, and joy of the entire Christian people, and a renewed invitation to the faithful of the separated communities to also follow us graciously in this pursuit of unity and grace, to which so many souls yearn from all parts of the earth. Venerable Brothers and beloved Sons! How sweet and encouraging are the words of Saint Leo the Great, which the Sacred Liturgy now invites us to recite more often. Today, the greeting of Saint Paul, the convert of Damascus, who welcomed us here in his most sacred memories, resonates more strongly: "My crown... and your joy are, if your faith, which from the beginning of the Gospel has been preached throughout the whole world, remains in love and holiness" (St. Leo M., Sermon 2). Oh! What a greeting this is: entirely worthy of our spiritual family. *Dilectio et sanctitas*: a greeting and an auspicious wish. The blessing of God, the Almighty Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

[*Latin ed. p. 70*]

70 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary. HOMILY DELIVERED DURING THE SOLEMNITY OF THE FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE, ON THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF JANUARY, IN THE YEAR 1959, WHEN THE SUPREME PONTIFF, FOR THE FIRST TIME, ADDRESSED THE ASSEMBLY IN THE PATRIARCHAL BASILICA OF OSTIA.

Venerable Brothers and beloved sons, the gathering today of the Sacred College of Cardinals, the Prelature, and the Roman People in this Basilica of Saint Paul outside the Walls recalls the visit that, twenty years ago, during Our mission to the East, We were fortunate to make to Tarsus, where the Apostle of the Gentiles was born and received his first education. Imagine the emotion of Our spirit as We recall today that visit, not where He was born, but here, where for twenty centuries the relics of Paul rest. In the liturgical hymn of June 29th, the Church associates the name of Paul with that of the Prince of the Apostles: "O Rome, fortunate city, to which the

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blood of the two Apostles is a mantle of glory, and an expression of spiritual beauty!" Emperors have passed; military glory is no more; scarcely remain the broken stones of monuments that recall ancient splendors. But more glorious remains and is exalted in the hearts of the faithful, the twofold cult of the two Apostles. O happy Rome! Consecrated by the glorious blood of two Princes!

In the memories of Our visit to Tarsus—just twenty years ago—We are again struck by the effort made by those who separated themselves from the Catholic Church to exalt Saint Paul, giving the impression of opposing him to Saint Peter. This attempt failed. The numerous Pauline schools of study, of various origins, were weak constructions, and gradually lost not only their scientific vigor and legal consistency, but even the material buildings that housed them—We have seen them with Our own eyes—became ruins. Of Tarsus, beyond the name and a few scattered houses here and there, there is now no more sign of its former splendor. The city appears...

[*Latin ed. p. 71*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 71, speak of it as being almost submerged by the sands and marshes of the muddy Cydnus. The only memory of Saint Paul is a modest Catholic chapel, in a private house, with a small bell, to which We permitted a few chimes to be rung, which faded away in the desolate desert. Saint Paul, however, lives on in his glorious remains and in his memories here in Rome, associated with those of Saint Peter, a point of attraction and veneration for the entire world. Indeed, the chant of the Liturgy elevates the hearts of Catholics throughout the world. Fortunate Rome, consecrated by the glorious blood of the two Apostles, you always shine with an incomparable beauty! I. This solemn union of two Apostles, this veneration of their memories, echoes their voice proclaiming the Gospel: it is a sign of the unity of a magisterium that always shines; it is a proclaimed invitation to the perfect adherence, in mind, heart, and deed, of the Bishops, successors of the Apostles, and of the faithful, with the Successor of Peter, and it is a clear indication of concordant fervor in the ardent profession of the faith of the Christian people. Children of Rome, and all those who today are present here in spirit from all parts of the world, you renew the worldwide homage of centuries to the characteristic features of the Church of Jesus Christ: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. It is a great consolation to live as members of the body and spirit of the Holy Church, with the certainty of the eternal transformation of our lives into the immortal glory of God, Creator and Redeemer, and of His Saints. This unity of the Church, which Saint Paul, from the day of his prodigious conversion, brought into perfect harmony with the teaching of Peter, that teaching of which Mark left the outlines in his Gospel, leads us to consider with deep sorrow how the attacks and efforts, unfortunately in part successful over the centuries, to break this Catholic unity, are detrimental to the happiness

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and well-being of the world conceived by Jesus Christ as a single flock under the guidance of a single shepherd.

[*Latin ed. p. 72*]

72 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale. Consider how the perfect unity of faith and the faithful implementation of the evangelical doctrine would bring tranquility and joy to the entire world, to the extent that this is possible on earth. And not only for the sake of the great principles of spiritual and supernatural order that touch each individual in view of eternal goods, of which Christianity was the bringer to the world, but also for the most secure elements of civil, social, and political prosperity of individual nations. The first fruit of this unity is, in fact, not only the appreciation, but the right use and enjoyment of liberty, a most precious gift from the Creator and Redeemer of men. Indeed, every deviation in the history of individual peoples on this point of liberty is, in fact, sometimes more or less veiled, often boldly and powerfully, in contradiction to the principles of the Gospel. It is those very evangelical principles that Saint Peter announced and illustrated in his letters, and Saint Paul in larger and more numerous proportions, by divine inspiration, before the world. This year marks the celebration of the nineteenth centenary of Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans. Oh! What emotion to reread and meditate on that document, still resounding from the depths of the first century of the Christian era to us. It is a grand and exalting poem, elevated to the triumph of faith, to the triumph of the freedom of souls and peoples, to the triumph of peace.

II. Venerable Brothers, and beloved sons! Allow us to return to the mention of the great sadness of Our heart, the heart of the entire Catholic Church, in the painful realization of how – not in the beloved Italy, which is closer to Us, and in many other nations, thanks be to God, but in vast and distant regions well known in Europe and Asia – agitates and threatens to shipwreck souls and communities, already on the path to enjoying the benefits of this liberty and this peace. You understand Our sorrow, which increases from the moment that, despite Our unworthiness, We were placed on this height, from which it is permitted, albeit with some difficulty,

[*Latin ed. p. 73*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 73: We perceive a wider horizon stained with blood, due to the sacrifices imposed upon many, whether of thought, of civic and social activity, and, with particular cruelty, of the profession of their own religious faith. Out of a duty of great reserve and of sincere and thoughtful respect, and with the confident hope that the storm will gradually subside, We refrain from making specific statements regarding ideologies, locations, and individuals. But We are not insensible to the updated information that constantly passes before Our eyes, and which reveals fears,

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violence, and the annihilation of the human person. We will tell you in all confidence that the usual serenity of spirit that is reflected in Our face, and which delights Our children, conceals the inner anguish and distress of the soul, which, while rejoicing with them and encouraging them in good and best endeavors, turns to those others – and they are millions upon millions – whose fate We do not know, and to whom We do not know if even the echo of the words with which We wished to greet all peoples at the beginning of Our Pontificate, and of the assurance that their tears are poured out upon Our heart, can reach them.

III. The awareness that you, beloved Brothers and children, share the concern of the Church for this decline in the solid concept of freedom, which Saint Paul illustrated in his letters, moves Us to turn to the Lord, inviting you to do the same, with more insistent prayer: to turn to the Creator and Divine Redeemer, from whom comes the strength of faith and perseverance in good works. Unity, freedom, and peace: a great trinity, which, considered in the light of apostolic faith, remains for our souls a reason for elevation and of fervent human and Christian fraternity. As We emerge from a week of prayer intended to obtain this threefold gift, the ceremony today at the tomb of the Apostle – which is about to be celebrated in the mystery of the Body and Blood of Christ – returns to being a reminder of our fraternal, unanimous, and proactive charity, which unites us with the children of so many nations already flourishing in the light of the Gospel, and now saddened by unspeakable trials. As a sign of the good spiritual progress of those who are here assembled or are listening, so that you may be determined to...

[*Latin ed. p. 74*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - 74, Official Commentary: Participating in the sufferings of the universal Church, we wish to conclude with the moving and powerful words with which the Apostle of the Gentiles concludes his Letter to the Romans, words that are the words of all Romans of all times: honored by a privilege that, by distinguishing them from other peoples, binds them more strongly before the whole world to a collaboration of prayer and an open profession of faith. "I beseech you, brethren, to mark them who cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which you have received. For these are not servants of Christ our Lord, but servants of their own lusts; and by flatteries and empty words they seduce the hearts of the simple. But since you obey everywhere, I rejoice in you. But I would have you be wise in that which is good, and innocent in that which is evil. And may the God of peace destroy Satan under your feet. And grace be with you from our Lord Jesus Christ."

I. ADDRESSES: Which the Supreme Pontiff gave on January 16th, on the feast of the Roman See of Saint Peter, in the year 1959, in the Great Hall of the Pontifical Gregorian University, where the Blessed Father was

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received with applause by the Directors, Professors, and Students from various nations.

Venerable Brother and beloved sons, the words of studious observance which you have addressed to us, Venerable Brother, evoke in us a most excellent sense of esteem and veneration, for we have always been accustomed to pursue this distinguished institution of ecclesiastical doctrine and education, by which this venerable city rightly and justly glories. As soon as, as Supreme Pontiff, we entered this dwelling of sacred disciplines, it pleases us to consider briefly that inscription which is read on the facade of this vast building, namely, Romans 15:16-20.

[*Latin ed. p. 75*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, section 75, state that peaceful and joyful groups of young people gather daily, diligently seeking enlightenment for their minds and laying the foundations and norms of their future apostolate. This, as you know, is the title: Pontifical Gregorian University; from these words, three meanings seem to shine forth like three radiant lights.

I. Pontifical: This first word significantly touches upon the liturgical feast of this day, and seems to command us to shine, since today the solemnity of the Chair of the Holy Apostles Peter in Rome is celebrated, by which the highest dignity and pontifical authority are declared. To us all is presented the Kingdom of Jesus Christ; and the necessary keys are used to enter it. The pontificate, which is read in the Holy Breviary today in the prayer of the Eucharist, must be understood and investigated, and rightly explained, so that it may only be clearly and safely understood when this doctrine is conformed to the precepts of the teaching Church, with the same meaning and the same literal significance that is proposed by it. This is indeed a great thought, which brings forth the warnings, testimonies, and praises of the broadest of magisteria. This, indeed, is the chief glory of the Gregorian University, since these words fit it perfectly, with which the author of *De Imitatione Christi* concludes the final chapter, while adoring the Sacrament: "Every reason and natural investigation must follow faith; it must not precede, nor infringe."

II. Pontifical University: This direct appellation pertains to the great academies, because of the importance of their teachings, since they flourish and thrive in this esteemed city, near the Basilica of Saint Peter. We call it a university; and even a "great seat of letters and disciplines," and a "great home of studies." It can also be called a "Great Lyceum." That illustrious founder of inscriptions, Stephen Morcelli, when writing about the University of Rome, which is now called *Sapientia*, seized the opportunity of a solemn liturgical ceremony celebrated there, and wrote: "The sacred solemnity at the Lyceum of Wisdom, with the Cardinals and a group of doctors present." This is something that we also desire to see today in this place, to our great comfort.

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III. The title "university of studies" more appropriately signifies the variety of disciplines that...

[*Latin ed. p. 76*]

76. The Acts of the Apostolic See – the official commentaries – increase in number and importance year by year, and to these are added the primary and ordinary teachings of theology, philosophy, and canon law: among these are teachings on biblical matters, on the affairs of the Eastern Church, on ecclesiastical history, on missionary work, and finally, on social matters; all of which, divided into numerous Institutes, are arranged and associated with each other in such a way that they coalesce into a single, fitting, and harmonious whole. The University: this appellation corresponds in a special way to this Athenaeum, if we consider the immense multitude of students, full of youthful vigor but devoted to the proper order of things, who come here from all nations and peoples. Therefore, a writer of no obscure name, yet not entirely foreign to Christian matters, could rightly assert in his time: "The Roman College, that is, a seminary from all nations." It has been rightly asserted that topography and the discipline of preparing rational calculations, which is called statistics, can be considered as the true eyes of history. But these two arts, as far as the Gregorian University is concerned, express and signify the particular mark of the universal apostolic teaching, whose doctrine is transmitted here, and like the sacred fire of Pentecost, is imparted to all peoples, of every tribe, nation, and language. Even now, prophetic voices resound in our ears, which we recently proclaimed during the liturgical celebrations of Epiphany. Here, the sacred words of Isaiah are perfectly suited and seem to be still being fulfilled: "Arise, shine, Jerusalem... all these have been gathered together, they have come to you: your children from afar will come." Therefore, Venerable Brother and beloved sons, may this vast and important task of teaching, which is so worthily fulfilled in this place, faithfully responding to the teaching of the Roman Pontiff, allow you to devote your efforts to a work that may endure for a long time, "proclaiming the praises of the Lord."

III. The Pontifical Gregorian University: this third term brings to mind Our Predecessor of immortal memory, Gregory XIII, who can truly be called the brightest light of the noble family of Boncompagni. For he regarded this seat of learning with a special affection and love, and as a kind of spiritual necessity. The twelve years in which he held the Supreme Pontificate, that is, from the year 1572 to the year 1585, fall within that period of his life, in which...

[*Latin ed. p. 77*]

Following the Tridentine Council, the Catholic cause flourished greatly, illuminated by the most wise counsel and the example of sanctity of Saint Charles Borromeo. Indeed, these times, which extend until the

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death of these servants of the Church, namely the Pontiff of Rome and the Archbishop of Milan, joined together by the providence of God, are distinguished by a special and indelible mark, for it was during these times that, with Christian discipline thoroughly restored, the Catholic Church, the bride of Jesus Christ, shone forth with a new form and a new splendor.

Concerning this matter, Our Predecessors, Pius IV and Saint Pius V, also contributed not a little; but the greatest credit, without a doubt, must be given to the pontificate of Hugh Boncompagni, that distinguished expert in the law of Bologna, who faithfully and zealously brought to fruition the most holy counsels, which the successor of Saint Ambrose always bore in mind and heart, whenever the matter of rightly restoring Christian doctrine and of perfecting the prescriptions issued by the assemblies of the Council of Trent, according to the perennial law, was being considered.

Indeed, Gregory XIII, rightly estimating the talents of Ignatius and his sons, brought about an increase in the Roman College, which, having progressed through its statutes, norms, and the patronage of the most august Pontiff, has deservedly earned its name a glorious reputation throughout the course of the centuries.

For this reason – as We have already indicated – even today, these things cry out, and Our mind is moved by these words, which are read on the facade of this building: "Pontifical Gregorian University." As the Most Reverend Cardinal Joseph Hergenröther testifies, when this Institute was dedicated, auspicious greetings were recited in fifty different languages; if, as some believe, they were recited in only twenty-five languages, the very fact of the event is proof of how ardent was the zeal and solicitude of those who were then engaged in the more important duties within the Church of God.

It is also worth remembering that, after the founding of the Roman College, various colleges were established in the City through the effort and work of the same Supreme Pontiff: namely, those of the English, the Greeks, the Maronites, and the Neophytes; and outside the City, many institutions of this kind, or sacred seminaries, were founded: namely, in Milan, in Laurentium, in Freiburg in Switzerland, in Douay, in Greece, in Vienna, in Olmuetz, in Prague, and in Augsburg.

All of these things aptly remind us that, in every age, the Church, through diligent work, has striven for the progress of ecclesiastical institutions and education. Therefore, We are grateful to those who, after a long interval, under Gregory XIII,

[*Latin ed. p. 78*]

78 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary. Although we have succeeded in following in the apostolic ministry, we greet the Pontifical Gregorian University, that "beloved Mother of Studies"; which is surrounded by a beautiful and most noble crown of recent academies and

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institutions, namely the Lateran Palace, the Urbanian for the Propagation of the Faith, the Angelicum, the Anselmian, the Antonian, the Institutes for the promotion of sacred music and Christian archaeology, and the "Faculties" of the theological Orders of the Friars Minor Conventual, the Discalced Carmelites, and the Servants of Mary. When a Father, now old, approaches his elder son, he is greatly comforted and rejoiced to be able, as it were, to see with his own eyes and near his most beloved soul, the others also, his other sons, equally dear to him. This gathering seems to reaffirm those mutual and domestic bonds, as if inherited from the ancestors. Indeed, this assembly, animated by a priestly spirit, is composed of our Venerable Brother and our beloved sons. In our youth, the Roman College was a gymnasium for higher studies, where the riches of the earth and the laws of nature, or even the almost inaccessible paths of the heavens, were explored. To this College, among others, belong those aerial investigations carried out by Angelo Secchi. The Pontifical Gregorian University, which, together with the others, is joined in a competitive and noble spirit, contributes greatly to opening and safeguarding the path by which we strive to know more deeply the Divine Redeemer and to present His doctrine correctly to our age. This, in turn, urges our clergy, in a very broad and illuminating way, to pursue those advancements in pastoral care, which must correspond to the precepts and examples of Jesus Christ, the Divine and Supreme Shepherd, who redeemed us with His abundant blood and who, with the graces He has bestowed upon us, invites us and draws us towards the attainment of sanctity with heavenly joy. Venerable Brother, we thank you again for those words which you so aptly spoke to us just now: "This University of Studies is intended to instruct zealous heralds of the Kingdom of Christ." We know well that the students of the Gregorian University and of the other academies strive not only for that remarkable suitability and harmony which exists between human and divine disciplines, but also, according to their abilities, to cultivate the ornaments of the priestly order – we speak of an unblemished integrity of morals, attracting the soul.

[*Latin ed. p. 79*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 79: "May [this institution] shine forth as an example to others, with its steadfastness, its solid foundation, and its fervent piety—but also, as a distinguished master of asceticism, Saint Lawrence Justinian, who lived in the fifteenth century, Patriarch of Venice and very dear to us, reminds us, that we must, by all means, guard against 'the temptations and impulses of ambition' through the virtue of humility; so that no one may dare, 'neglecting the burdens of others, to seek positions in the pastoral office, to beg for special offices and popular acclaim through prayers.'"

2. "It is most pleasing to us that, having been brought to the See of Saint

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Peter not many weeks ago, and that in celebrating the Eucharistic Sacrifice, we are daily called by these words: 'unworthy servant, whom the most merciful Father wished to place at the head of His flock.' It is, therefore, most pleasing to us to confirm, with all our heart, the judgment of your most worthy proclamation, Venerable Brother, and to bestow upon you our most special blessing upon the Gregorian University and all its endeavors and works; and especially upon the illustrious Ignatian confreres, who either lead with prudence and experience, or teach there, or contribute to its glorious and ever-increasing prosperity through any other ministry. We also eagerly desire that our Apostolic Blessing may be bestowed abundantly and in a special way upon all your most beloved students. Furthermore, we wish to join our prayers with yours, Venerable Brother and Great Chancellor, especially hoping that this Institute may increasingly live up to its noble name; which, as we can affirm, among all other institutions of this kind established throughout the world, shines with a special brilliance, both because of its noble antiquity and because of its relevance to the needs of our time."

3. "Therefore, in your own words, Venerable Brother, we pray again and again for these young men, these students, who are diligent and of good morals, 'that they may be able to join knowledge with wisdom, doctrine with piety, so that, when they return to their homeland or to their respective religious houses, they may shine forth like lamps, and become strong heralds of Jesus Christ and an ornament of the Church'; and, as Saint Paul says in the passage you have used, may they truly be: 'Either for Titus, who is my companion and fellow labourer towards you, or our brethren, the apostles of the churches, the glory of Christ.'"

2. Saint Liturgy Justinian, Opera, ed. 1721: De exercitio perfectionis, vol. XI, p. 600, col. 33.

[*Latin ed. p. 80*]

80 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary II To the Men of the Italian Association, commonly called "Christian Union of Entrepreneurs and Managers," gathered in Rome. We are grateful to you, Your Eminence, for your kind words. We are deeply grateful for the excellent and noble reception given to the gentlemen of the Christian Union of Entrepreneurs and Managers whom you accompany. Although entrepreneurs and managers, we are all workers striving for the conquest and for the social well-being here in this earthly homeland, with concern for the higher goods that await us. This, too, is a Christian association of which we were pleased to observe the initial developments in France, in accordance with a similar movement aroused elsewhere. It is only natural that the voice of the new Pope should echo the high and eloquent words of his immediate predecessor, Pope Pius XII, of so much merit and veneration, which resonated here on January 31, 1952, associating them with his most felicitous expressions of June 7,

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1955, and March 7, 1957, on the occasion of the seventh and eighth National Congresses of your Association. He who has arrived on this height cannot but hear these echoes: to look and to pass; and, firmly convinced of the goodness of the institution, now strong and courageous, to repeat the paternal invitation, as befits the head of the family with his children: "Advance and work!" We know well that there are no few concerns regarding the serious problems for those who participate in industrial production: problems of conscience and problems of human and Christian fraternity. "The erroneous and disastrous, in its consequences," said the Holy Father Pius XII on May 7, 1949, "is the unfortunate prejudice, too widely spread, which sees in production an irreducible contrast of divergent interests. The contrast, Our Predecessor added, is only apparent. In the economic field, there is a community of activities and interests. Entrepreneurs, Managers, and Workers are not, and must not be, irreconcilable antagonists. They are cooperators in a...

[*Latin ed. p. 81*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, number 81, concern a common endeavor, which primarily demands mutual understanding and a sincere effort to overcome temptation and the inclination to seek one's own advantage, to the detriment of the other participants in the common effort and work. This is a matter of justice and of Christian spirit rightly applied and operative. The "Quadragesimo Anno" of Pope Pius XI, a name also significant in the expression of the social doctrine, glorious and unforgettable, remains an indication and an invitation to the sincere and resolute application of good intentions and of more harmonious understandings. You, Lord Cardinal, so deserving in your authoritative and elevated wisdom displayed in the spiritual assistance to the U.C.I.D.: and you all, esteemed gentlemen who comprise this provident association, which as a whole is thought and work, heart and generosity, allow us to thank you for your cooperation in a manifestation of nobility and frankness that honors you, and that assures you of the most precious goods of life and the future. The Pontifical doctrine on cooperation and social activity receives its light from the Gospel of Christ. Oh! the Gospel of Christ the Lord! We are in Rome, where the historical affirmations of this doctrine gave substance, form, and robust, yet delicate and gentle, images. This Saint Cecilia, heroine and martyr of the faith, of whom the Acts tell us that *"Evangelium Christi semper in pectore suo gerebat"* (she always carried the Gospel of Christ in her heart), and this Saint Martina, the saint of our time, to whose glory and name the citizens of Rome are invited to render liturgical homage, may they be an omen, dear gentlemen, for your Christian aspirations and for your work of cooperation in the triumph of the social doctrine of the Church, which is a triumph of civilization and a source of consolation. With these sentiments in our hearts, and with the usual joy of our eyes and spirit, we welcome you once

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again, and we bless your persons and all those and everything that is closest to your hearts, and to your aspirations.

6 - ACTA, vol. I, n. 2. — 2 7 - 2 - 1 9 5 9.

[*Latin ed. p. 82*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 82. LETTERS I TO HIS EMINENCE, DOM JOSEPH S. R. B. CARDINAL PIZZARDO, BISHOP OF ALBANIA, AND PREFECT OF THE SEMINARIES AND UNIVERSITY STUDIES OF THE HOLY CONGREGATION. IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY, FROM WHICH SAINT PAUL APOSTLE WROTE THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS. JOHN PP. XXIII. Venerable Brother, greetings and the Apostolic Blessing. — It has appeared to Our estimation to be highly commendable that, through letters full of devotion, you have informed Us of the intention, under your auspices, venerable Brother, to solemnly celebrate, with a gathering of members, the nineteenth century since Saint Paul the Apostle wrote the Letter to the Romans. This momentous event, by the judgment of scholars, would have fallen precisely within the elapsed year; but those events which, upon its emergence, proved to be unexpected and significant, certainly prompted the postponement of the established plan, so that it might be brought forth on more auspicious days. The other Apostle, the Prince of Doctors, always grave, elevated, and sublime, poured forth heavenly riches with his style, with which his heart so abounds, so that this most fitting occasion brings to mind the words of Saint John Chrysostom: "For the letters of Paul are both metal and fountains; metal, because they offer us riches more precious than any gold; fountains, because they never fail, but however much you draw from them, so much and even more do they flow back." But nowhere else is the magnitude of God's revelations, the keenness of his judgments, the celestial inspiration of the moral law, and the solid precepts so clearly revealed and surpass all others, so that in the sacred writings of the New Law, this Letter holds a preeminent and remarkable place: for this is the epitome of all the Apostle's teaching, the foundation of Christian theology, and...

[*Latin ed. p. 83*]

Demonstrating the paths to the salvation of mankind, he is like a most brilliant beacon, dispelling the darkness. But who are more fitting to follow and cherish this testament of the Apostolic ministry than the Romans, to whom Phoebe, a deaconess, traveled from Gênchris, bringing with her, as it were, a treasure of inestimable value? Therefore, we earnestly desire that the secular memory of this event may stimulate the minds of theologians to more deeply explain what the Apostle taught there, and that, through an interpretation adapted to the understanding of the faithful, doctrine drawn from on high may flow forth, so that the faith, proclaimed by the Apostolic

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voice throughout the world, may flourish anew in Rome, a shining example of burgeoning grace. That this may happily occur, diligent care must be devoted not only to thinking correctly, but also to acting bravely and piously, since Christian faith is the root from which fitting fruits must mature. May those who, as companions of charity, are educated by Christian humility, shine more brightly in this endeavor: "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep; be of the same mind one with another, not high-minded, but condescend to the lowly."

Therefore, as we praise the undertaking, which, in honor of Saint Paul the Apostle, who wrote the Epistle to the Romans, you, Venerable Brother, and the directors and members of the Pontifical Theological Academy of Rome, and all those who will participate in this commemoration, are undertaking with eager zeal, we impart to you the Apostolic Blessing, as an encouragement to ever greater progress in wisdom and charity.

Given at Rome, near Saint Peter's, on the fourteenth day of the month of January, in the first year of Our Pontificate.

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2 Cf. Rom. 16, 1.

3 Cf. Rom. 1, 8.

4 Rom. 12, 15-16.

[*Latin ed. p. 84*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 84 II TO THE MOST REVEREND VICARIATE APOSTOLIC OF VIETNAM, IN THE CITY OF SAIGON, WHO ARE CELEBRATING A MARIAN CONVIVIUM TO BRING TO A CLOSE THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS OF THE APPEARANCE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IN THE MIRACLE OF LA PURDEN, AND ALSO TO COMMEMORATE THE EXACT THREE HUNDRED YEARS SINCE THE FIRST APOSTOLIC VICARS WERE ESTABLISHED IN THAT REGION. JOHN PP. XXIII. Venerable Brothers, greetings and the Apostolic Blessing.

It has been most pleasing to Our mind, and was a source of particular joy at the very beginning of Our pontificate, that you, Venerable Brothers, in your annual episcopal gathering, have resolved to hold a Marian Convium in the city of Saigon during the coming month of February, and, taking advantage of this opportunity, to convene the Vietnamese, children of the Catholic Church, for two reasons: namely, to conclude the centennial celebrations commemorating the miraculous apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the spectacle of La Purden, and also to commemorate the exact three hundred years since the first Apostolic Vicars were established within the boundaries of your country. This act of religious piety, offered to the Blessed Virgin, Queen of all expeditions, will openly declare to the faith-

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ful, who are entrusted to your pastoral care, that they consider themselves indebted for the countless benefits they have received through her intercession, and that, filled with faith, they will earnestly turn to her throne of mercy, so that they may obtain new heavenly blessings, especially that most desired and auspicious one, namely, the restoration of solid peace. Furthermore, the fact that the three centuries established by the first Apostolic Vicars are being celebrated, manifestly demonstrates that the Vietnamese, who are counted among the Catholic faithful, rightly consider the gift bestowed upon them by God, which is comparable to no jewel, as most precious, a gift for which many of your brethren have shed their blood, for it is from which comes "Every best gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no change nor shadow of alteration." Thus, with grateful hearts, they will recall the labors and sufferings, sometimes bloody, of the workers of the Gospel of Christ, who, in great numbers, one after another, have cultivated the vineyard of the Lord in that place from that day, remembering perpetually...

[*Latin ed. p. 85*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 85. Our Predecessor, Alexander VII, with wise foresight, sent the first two Bishops to Tonkin and Cochinchina: Franciscus Pallu and Petrus Lambert de la Motte, both distinguished members of the Society of Missions of Paris, a great ornament and honor to the work among foreign lands. How illustrious has been the path of your esteemed homeland, despite the frequent difficulties that have □□□□□ have arisen! Indeed, the evangelical seed has produced a rich harvest of sacred fruits, although the Vietnamese faithful have been oppressed by many adversities and vexations. At present, there are nearly fifteen hundred thousand Catholics in this land. For, as the fertile soil demonstrates, the word of God sown in your lands has yielded: "And other some fell upon good ground and, being sprung up, yielded fruit a hundredfold. Saying these things, he cried out." 2 A clergy chosen from among the natives, favored by the care of the missionaries of the Gospel from foreign lands, and having fulfilled the desires of the Apostolic See, has flourished admirably, both in number and in spirit, so that it can govern and administer the greater part of these Apostolic Vicariates. Since you are thoroughly convinced that the Vietnamese people, throughout the course of recent centuries, have experienced the singular providence of God, and that they owe the greatest gratitude for the gift of the Christian faith, by which they have been joined and incorporated into the Church "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone," 3 moved by pastoral zeal and devotion to religion, you have judged it fitting that this important event in your illustrious history be solemnly commemorated with appropriate ceremonies and rites. With regard to this, we offer you our congratulations and salutary blessings: for it is fitting that these faithful be increasingly

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drawn to the gifts of heavenly piety and respond to the call to higher things, and that, in the midst of your lands, they become a shining light, a provident beacon that may more effectively lead them in divine matters and draw them to the flock of Christ. The charity of Our paternal heart extends to all of you, and especially to the sacred ministers, priests, and faithful of the northern region of your homeland, who, whether in the exercise of their sacred ministry or in their Christian 2 Luke 8:8. 3 Ephesians 2:20.

[*Latin ed. p. 86*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 86: Those men are engaged in the profession and practice of their vocation, and are enduring difficulties which, indeed, do not depend on their own will. We lament that they will not be able to participate in the solemn and established celebrations for the same reason; however, if they are compelled to be physically distant from you, their spiritual presence and fraternal prayers will be with Leticia. We have learned – which brings us great comfort – that these faithful, closely united with the Roman Pontiff, their pastors, and their priests, are persevering with steadfast effort in preserving and cherishing the ancestral faith. May they remain steadfast in these endeavors, with the pious hope that God will not delay in fulfilling His promises, but will bestow just rewards upon their proven virtue. Therefore, with a moved heart, We promise to you, Venerable Brothers, and to the priests and faithful entrusted to your care, the sentiments of Our admiration, and We declare that Our thoughts frequently turn to you, not without a prayer which We offer ardently and full of hope to God: "Therefore, I also, having heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers." 4 We gladly bring to your attention that We have appointed Our Legate to the solemn Marian Congress, which will be celebrated by the entire Vietnamese nation, Our beloved son, S.R.E. Cardinal Gregory Peter Agagianian, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, who, adorned with the Roman purple and with his accustomed eloquence, will add a noble and useful splendor to the festivities on these days. We are confident that all those present there will experience abundant fruits of religion. And for those who will not be able to participate there, so that they may not lack the desired consolations, the Sacred Congregation, with Our care and diligence, will take care to bestow spiritual graces for the propagation of the Christian name. Finally, We have nothing left to do but to impart to you, Venerable Brothers, and to the priests and faithful entrusted to your care, the Apostolic Blessing, a pledge of heavenly assistance. Given at Rome, near Saint Peter, on the twenty-fifth day of the month of January, in the year 1959. In the first year of Our pontificate. JOHN PP. XXIII.

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4 Ephesians 1:15-17.

[*Latin ed. p. 87*]

Acta of Pope John XXIII, 87, Section III, Addressed to His Excellency, Francis, Titular Archbishop of the Saints John and Paul, Most Reverend Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, whom He appoints as a legate to the Eucharistic Congress being held in the city of Antigua Guatemala, from the nations of Central America.

Pope John XXIII: Beloved Son, greetings and the Apostolic Blessing.

We have indeed been informed that, next February, a Eucharistic Congress from the nations of Central America will be held in the city of Antigua Guatemala. The assembly of Bishops, with the foremost support of the Archbishop of Antigua Guatemala, has requested that We, in order to add splendor to this most august celebration, preside over the sacred rites through a certain legate of Ours. We have, with a benevolent will, decided to grant this request of the sacred prelates.

Therefore, Beloved Son, who, adorned with the magnificence of the Roman purple, governs such a distinguished and important metropolitan see, and who, through your prudence and charity, enjoys so much esteem, We choose and appoint you as Our legate, so that, representing Our person, you may preside over the Eucharistic Congress of the nations of Central America, which will be held shortly in Antigua Guatemala, in Our name and with Our authority. For the matters that will be discussed in each session are of no small importance; it is especially necessary to consider how much the most holy Eucharist contributes to fostering domestic harmony, to the education of young people, to the friendly cooperation of social classes, and to the perfection of the human person; without which, indeed, the peace and prosperity of the republic cannot endure.

Therefore, we are certain that you will carry out this most noble mission in such a way that the sacred ceremonies will gain much dignity and majesty, and that the deliberations and counsel of the assembly will be enriched with wisdom and effectiveness.

Finally, desiring that all things may proceed according to God's will, through the Immaculate Virgin Mary, we invoke the blessings of heaven and the auspiciousness of divine grace, as a testament of Our paternal affection, and We impart to you, Beloved Son, to the distinguished Archbishop of Antigua Guatemala, and to the others present, the Apostolic Blessing.

[*Latin ed. p. 88*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 88, to the bishops, and also to the civil magistrates, and to all those who will be gathered with you in Guatemala, we impart our paternal blessings in the Lord. Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, on the twenty-ninth day of the month of January, in the year 1959, in the first year of Our Pontificate. JOHN PP. XXIII. TO THE

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MOST REVEREND AND HOLY FATHER, GREGORY PETER, titular of Saint Bartholomew in the Island, of the Roman Rite, Cardinal, Archbishop of Cilicia of the Armenians, and Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, who is appointed as Our legate to the Marian Congress being held in the city of Saigon. JOHN PP. Our beloved son, greetings and the Apostolic Blessing. — As the jubilee year draws to a close, and in commemoration of the apparition of the Immaculate Mother of God in the grotto of Lourdes, the bishops of Vietnam, where three centuries ago the first vicars apostolic were established, have decided to solemnly celebrate a Marian Congress next February. We have gladly approved this proposal of the venerable prelates. For what can the faithful do that is more fruitful and salutary than to secure the powerful patronage of the Immaculate Virgin, so that from this most sweet Mother, all the treasures of divine redemption may be opened to them, and that they may have life, and have it more abundantly? Does not the Lord desire to give us all through Mary? Therefore, considering the importance of this celebration for Our most beloved sons, who are so far from Us and in so many difficulties, We have decided to have Our own person present at the Congress, and to preside over it through Our legate. Therefore, Our beloved son, who, adorned with the dignity of Patriarch, shines with the Roman purple, and who presides over the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith in the City, We choose and appoint You as Our legate, as We have already announced, so that, representing Our person, You may preside over the Marian Congress to be held soon in the illustrious city of Saigon, in Our name and with Our authority. We do not doubt that You, because of Your talents of mind and speech, Your gentle manners, and Your outstanding devotion to the Virgin Mother, will...

[*Latin ed. p. 89*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, page 89: May you, with zeal and piety, be led to the approaching festivities and to the most desired outcomes. Rejoicing in this hope, in order to add to the fruits of salvation in the Christian people, we freely grant you the faculty, so that, on the appointed day, after the Sacred pontifical rite has been performed, in the presence of the faithful, you may, in Our name and with Our authority, bestow a plenary indulgence upon them, for the benefit of the Church, as prescribed. Meanwhile, as a pledge of the aforementioned graces and of Our special charity, We impart to you, Our beloved Son, the Apostolic Delegate of Saigon, and to the other sacred prelates and to all the faithful who participate in or favor this celebration, Our heartfelt blessing in the Lord. Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, on the thirty-first day of the month of January, in the year 1959, in

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the first year of Our pontificate. JOHN PP. XXIII.

[*Latin ed. p. 90*]

90 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary ACTA OF POPE PIUS XII CONSTITUTION. I. OF POPE PAUL IN BRAZIL, IN TAUBATÉ (APARECIDA AND OTHERS) FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF S. PAUL IN BRAZIL AND FROM THE DIOCESE OF TAUBATÉ, CERTAIN TERRITORIES ARE SEPARATED, A NEW ARCHDIOCESE IS FOUNDED, TO BE CALLED (APARECIDA); AND THE ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF S. PAUL IS DIVIDED, AND NEW ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCES ARE ESTABLISHED: APARECIDA, TAUBATÉ, CAMPINAS, AND RIBEIRÃO PRETO. PIUS, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE OF THE HOLY BISHOPS OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF S. PAUL IN BRAZIL, WE DEEM IT RIGHT THAT THE PRAYERS OF THE MOST REVEREND FATHER ARMANDO LOMBARDI, ARCHBISHOP WITH THE TITLE OF CAESAREA PHILIPPI AND APOSTOLIC NUNTIUS IN THE UNITED STATES OF BRAZIL, AND OF OUR DEAR SONS, THE MOST REVEREND CHARLES CARMELO S.R.E. CARDINAL DE VASCONCELLOS MOTTA, METROPOLITAN OF THAT SAME PROVINCE, SHOULD BE GRANTED WITH JOY, WHO, DESIRING TO SERVE THE UTILITY OF THOSE LIVING THERE AND TO BETTER PROMOTE RELIGIOUS DISCIPLINE, AMONG WHOM CHRISTIAN AND CIVIL MATTERS HAVE GREATLY INCREASED IN THIS OUR AGE, AND WHO ALSO HOLD A SINGULAR DEVOTION TO THE MOST BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, SPOTLESS OF EVERY STAIN, PATRONESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL, AND CULTIVATED ESPECIALLY BY THE PEOPLE IN THE HOLY TEMPLE OF APARECIDA, HAVE EARNESTLY REQUESTED FROM THIS APOSTOLIC SEE THAT THE SAME ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE, ESTABLISHED FIFTY YEARS AGO, SHOULD BE BETTER ARRANGED IN THESE OUR DAYS, EITHER BY DIVIDING THE TERRITORY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF S. PAUL IN BRAZIL AND THE DIOCESE OF TAUBATÉ, OR BY ESTABLISHING NEW ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCES. THEREFORE, AFTER ASCERTAINING WHAT THE VENERABLE FATHER ARMANDO LOMBARDI, ARCHBISHOP WITH THE TITLE OF CAESAREA PHILIPPI AND APOSTOLIC NUNTIUS IN THE UNITED STATES OF BRAZIL, THOUGHT ABOUT THIS MATTER, AND AFTER HEARING THE COUNCIL OF OUR VENERABLE BROTHERS, THE MOST REVEREND CARDINALS, PRESIDENTS OF THE CONSISTORY, AND WITH THE CONSENT OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE JURISDICTION IN THIS MATTER...

[*Latin ed. p. 91*]

By the Apostolic authority entrusted to Us, after careful deliberation, We

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decree and establish the following: The territory of the Most Holy Virgin, immaculately conceived from her conception, under the title of the Apparition, which constitutes a part of the municipality of Aparecida, and although it lies within the boundaries of the diocese of Taubaté, We separate it from the archdiocese of Saint Paul in Brazil; and We detach the remaining part of the territory of the municipality of Aparecida, together with the entire territory of the municipalities commonly known as Guaratinguetá and Lagoinha, from the diocese of Taubaté; from these territories, We establish a new archdiocese, to be called "Apparitiopolitan," and We define its boundaries as those currently established by civil law for the aforementioned municipalities. We establish the seat of the new Apparitiopolitan archdiocese in the city of Aparecida, which We elevate by these letters to the dignity of an archiepiscopal city; and the Metropolitan will, for the present, reside in the sanctuary, where, as is said, the Most Holy Virgin, immaculately conceived, appeared; but later, He will transfer to the grand temple, which the Brazilian nation will generously strive to build in honor of the Most Holy Virgin under the same title. We grant to this archiepiscopal building all rights, privileges, honors, and insignia pertaining to such a building. The Metropolitan will have the rights and duties that are customarily associated with the archiepiscopal dignity. Furthermore, with regard to the governance and administration of the new archdiocese, as well as the election of a Capitular Vicar in the event of a vacancy in the See, and other matters of this kind, the laws of Canon Law shall be fully observed. The Apparitiopolitan Prelate shall establish a seminary in accordance with the norms of common law and the Sacred Congregation for Seminaries and Universities. With regard to the administration of the goods of the sacred edifice of the Most Holy Virgin of Aparecida, We decree that, under the guidance of the Prelate, there shall be a Council of men, presided over by the same Prelate; and that, after the needs of the sacred edifice have been met, one-hundredth part of the offerings made by the faithful in thanksgiving at the shrine of the Most Holy Virgin of the Apparition shall be allocated to the establishment of an endowment for the archiepiscopal table of the Apparitiopolitan Church. The Pontifical Administrator in the Republic of Brazil, after hearing the Metropolitan of Apparitiopolitan at the time, shall, by a special decree, determine the amount required to complete said endowment, to which shall be added the revenues and a portion of the assets, to be determined in accordance with canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law, which previously belonged to the archdioceses of Saint Paul in Brazil and Taubaté, for the purpose of establishing said endowment. Furthermore, We decree that, as soon as the Apparitiopolitan arch-

[*Latin ed. p. 92*]

92 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - The official record of the Apostolic See states that the clergy are considered to be subject to the See in whose territory

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they hold an ecclesiastical benefice or office; others are assigned to the Church in whose region they reside by the best right. Furthermore, we decree that documents and records pertaining in any way to the new See shall be transmitted from the archdiocesan curias of São Paulo in Brazil and the diocese of Taubaté to the curia of Aparecida, to be carefully preserved in its archives. Moreover, from the metropolitan See of São Paulo in Brazil, and by the authority of its Archbishop, we exempt the cathedral churches of Taubaté, Lorena, Botucatu, Lins, Assis, Marília, Campinas, São Carlos in Brazil, Bragança Paulista in Brazil, Piracicaba, Ribeirão Preto, Jabaquara, and Rio Preto; from among these churches, and from the newly established archdiocese of Aparecida, we establish four new ecclesiastical provinces: Aparecida, and Ribeirão Preto, and Botucatu, and Campinas. We desire that the principal sees be adorned with the title and dignity of archiepiscopal metropolitan sees, together with all the rights and privileges befitting such a dignity; and we impose upon their prelates the proper duties and obligations. Furthermore, we decree that the Chapter of Campinas, which currently consists of two dignities, namely the Archdeaconate and the Archpriestship, and eight Canons, be elevated to the level of the metropolitan Chapter, which shall consist of the same dignities and ten Canons, with all the rights and privileges that accompany such a body of men by law and custom. In the archdioceses of Aparecida, newly established, and Botucatu, and Ribeirão Preto, as soon as the metropolitan Chapter of Canons is established, which will assist the proper Archbishop in important matters, and adorn the divine worship with the splendor of ceremonies; for the establishment of these Chapters, we shall consult through separate letters. However, we grant that, until such a gathering of these illustrious men can be formed, the diocesan consultors shall serve in their place. As for the sees suffragan to these metropolitan sees, we decree as follows: The cathedral churches of Taubaté and Lorena shall be suffragan to the See of Aparecida; the cathedral churches of Lins, Assis, and Marília shall be suffragan to the See of Botucatu; the cathedral churches of São Carlos in Brazil, Bragança Paulista in Brazil, and Piracicaba shall be suffragan to the See of Campinas; and finally, the cathedral churches of Jabaquara and Rio Preto shall be suffragan to the See of Ribeirão Preto; and we subject their respective bishops to the metropolitan jurisdiction of their Archbishops. Therefore, in the future, the cathedral churches shall be subject to the metropolitan See of São Paulo in Brazil.

[*Latin ed. p. 93*]

Acts of Pope Pius XII, 93. Santos, the Church of Saint Andrew in Brazil, and Sorocaba. The boundaries of the ecclesiastical provinces shall, in fact, be determined by the boundaries of all the dioceses which constitute them, taken together. Furthermore, we deem it fitting that the Venerable Brother Henry Hector Golland Trindade be promoted to the Metropolitan Church

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of Botucatu, where he currently serves as Bishop; that the Venerable Brother Paul Tarsensis Campos be appointed to the Metropolitan Church of Campinas, where he currently serves as Bishop; and that the Venerable Brother Aloysius do Amaral Mousinho be appointed to the Metropolitan Church of Ribeirão Preto, where he currently serves as Bishop. Moreover, we desire that the aforementioned Prelates, who govern the Sees of Aparecida, Botucatu, Campinas, and Ribeirão Preto, which have been raised to the metropolitan rank by these Our Letters, shall henceforth enjoy all the rights, honors, and privileges of other Archbishops of the same rank and dignity, namely: to carry the cross before them within the territory of their respective ecclesiastical provinces, and to be adorned with the pallium, according to the liturgical laws, after it has been requested and obtained in a public Consistory; they shall, however, be subject to the same offices and duties as all other Metropolitans. Furthermore, the metropolitan Sees which we establish shall possess all the rights and privileges pertaining to their order. Finally, we desire that the Venerable Brother Armand us Lombardi, whom we remember, or he who at the time when this matter must be carried out, presides over the Apostolic Nunciature in Brazil, shall ensure that these Our orders are carried out. To whomever this task is entrusted, we grant all powers, and if necessary, the power to delegate to others, provided that he is a person of ecclesiastical standing and we impose upon him the duty of preparing the documents relating to the matter and of sending faithful copies thereof to the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory without delay. We will and order that these Letters be effective now and forever; in such a way that those for whose benefit they are issued shall religiously observe what has been decreed therein, and thus obtain their full effect. No prescriptions of any kind shall be able to be contrary to the efficacy of these Letters, since by these Letters we abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, it shall be considered entirely void and of no effect. Furthermore, it shall not be permitted to anyone to alter or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these Letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person established in ecclesiastical dignity, and which have been signed by a public notary, shall have the same full force and effect as if they were presented. If anyone should disregard or in any way contravene these Our decrees in general,

[*Latin ed. p. 94*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Commentary 94. The official document declares that those who have not obeyed the orders of the Supreme Pontiffs will incur the penalties established by law. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the nineteenth day of the month of April, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, the twentieth year of Our Pontificate.

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Ap. tab., vol. LXXXXVII, n. 97.
II

From the Archdiocese of Karachi, certain territories are taken, for which a new diocese, (HYDERABADENSIS IN PAKISTAN), is established.

PIUS
Bishop,
Servant of the Servants of God,

For the perpetual memory of His Vicar on earth, who came from the blessedness of heaven to set fire to the earth (Lk. 12, 49), so that the people of God might be moved by love and, as it were, inflamed, we never cease to seek this, and we strive with all our strength that, with the individual churches properly arranged, they, having learned the truth and sanctity of the Christian doctrine, may refer all their actions to the glory of the

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highest power, may fulfill the desires of Christ the Redeemer, and may attain eternal salvation.

Therefore, when our venerable Brothers, the Cardinals of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, having been granted the powers by Us previously, have judged that it is fitting to establish a new diocese in that place in the Republic of Pakistan, We, having considered the matter well, and with the consent of those who have some right in this matter, and with the aforementioned Sacred Council having ratified this decision, confirm it.

[*Latin ed. p. 95*]

The Acts of Pope Pius XII, 95, and with these matters before us, We, by Our apostolic authority, decree and command the following. From the archdiocese of Karachi, which has hitherto been entrusted to the Religious of the Order of Friars Minor, We separate the civil regions, or, as they are called, districts, which in common parlance are known as: Nawabshah, Sanghar, Tatta (only the part to the east of the Indus River), Hyderabad, and Thar Parkar, which belong to the civil Province of Hyderabad (which in common parlance is called a division); the civil districts of Khairpur, Sukkur, and Jacobabad, which belong to the civil Province of Khairpur; all the civil districts belonging to the civil Province of Quetta; and finally, the civil districts of Sarawan and Kachhi, which belong to the civil Province of Kalat. From these territories, We establish a new diocese, to be called "Hyderabad in Pakistan," and We entrust it to the Fathers of the Order of Friars Minor, subject to Our will and to that of the Apostolic See, which will entrust the care and administration of the archdiocese of Karachi, that is, of the territory of the new diocese, to the indigenous or secular clergy; and the Friars Minor, in addition to the seminary of the entire region, will also administer the curia, that is, the parish of Saint Anthony of Padua, also subject to Our will and to that of the Roman See. The seat of the diocese and the residence of the Bishop will be in the city of Hyderabad; and the Most Reverend Bishop will establish his episcopal chair and authority in the same city, namely, in the church of Saint Francis Xavier, which We elevate to the rank of a cathedral, together with its privileges. As is fitting, We grant to the new Church and to its Prelate all rights, honors, and insignia that belong to them; and We also impose upon the Bishop the duties proper to his office. The diocese of Hyderabad in Pakistan will be a suffragan of the metropolitan See of Karachi, from which it originates; and its Bishop will be subject to and subordinate to the Metropolitan of that same See. In the territory of the new circumscription, a seminary, at least of the elementary level, will be established, to receive boys called to the priesthood. This will be done according to the norms of common law, and a Canon Chapter will also be established by the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, to promote the Bishop in his endeavors. If, however, it cannot

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be done immediately, diocesan consultants will be chosen, who, although they will relinquish their present duties, will nevertheless provide for the needs of the diocesan table, either through the division of the possessions of the archdiocese of Karachi, according to canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law, or through the revenues of the curia, or through collections from the people, or finally, through the funds that the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith usually sends. The governance and administration of the diocese, the election of a Capitular Vicar, in the event of a vacancy in the See, and the clergy...

[*Latin ed. p. 96*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Commentary 96. Official acts and the rights and obligations of the people, and other matters, shall be governed by the laws of the Code of Canon Law. Documents and acts pertaining in any way to the new See of Hyderabad shall be promptly sent to its episcopal curia, where they shall be diligently preserved. Furthermore, Our decrees shall be put into effect by the venerable Brother James Cornelius van Miltenburg, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Karachi, and responsible for the affairs of the Holy See in the Republic of Pakistan, or by whoever holds that office at the time of the execution of these documents. He may, however, delegate this task to any man who is established in ecclesiastical dignity. Whoever undertakes this task shall cause the documents to be drawn up, and shall promptly send true copies thereof to the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. We wish these documents to be effective now and in the future, so that those to whom they pertain shall observe the decrees contained therein with religious devotion, and thus obtain their full effect. No prescriptions of any kind shall be able to be contrary to the effectiveness of these documents, since by these documents We repeal all others. Therefore, if anyone, whether endowed with authority or not, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that such action be declared entirely null and void. Furthermore, it shall be permitted to no one to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these documents, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a man established in ecclesiastical dignity and are signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented. Whoever shall in any way despise or disregard Our decrees in general, let him know that he shall incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the twelfth day of the month of April, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, in the twentieth year of Our pontificate.

CELSUS

Card.

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COSTANTINI PETRUS

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Franciscus Hannibal Ferretti,
Apostolic Notary
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Apostolic Notary
Loco £ß Plumbi
In Cane,
Ap. tab.,
vol. LXXXXVII,
n. 98.

[*Latin ed. p. 97*]

ACTA of the Supreme Pontificate of Pope Pius XII, No. 97, Volume III, concerning the establishment in AUSTRALIA of an Apostolic Exarchate for the Ruthenian faithful of the Byzantine Rite residing there.

PIUS, Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God, for the perpetual memory of the singular solicitude of this Apostolic See towards the communities of the Byzantine Rite faithful, who, having left their homes and their seats, have immigrated elsewhere, many documents of our time, some of which have been recently published, bear witness and clearly demonstrate. Since a great multitude of Ruthenians, separated from their people by the recent and immense war between nations, and prevented from returning to their homeland by the unjust conditions in their country, have sought refuge on the shores of AUSTRALIA, and have there attained the gifts of tranquility and prosperity, We have considered it fitting, after hearing the opinion of Our Venerable Brother, the Most Reverend Cardinal Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Eastern Churches, and after taking into account the views of the Secretariate, to establish, for the benefit of this people, an Apostolic Exarchate in that region: for through this, their faith will be more deeply fostered in their hearts, and the venerable memory of their rites and

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institutions will be piously preserved.

Therefore, after having inquired into the opinion of the Apostolic Delegate in AUSTRALIA, and after obtaining the consent of the Latin Bishops whose jurisdiction extends to that area, as well as those who have some right concerning this matter, We, by Our supreme and apostolic authority, decree and order the following:

We establish an Apostolic Exarchate in the AUSTRALIAN region for the Ruthenian faithful of the Byzantine Rite residing there, which shall be directly subject to Us and to this Holy See, and whose seat shall be in the city commonly called Sydney, where the sacred Prelate will reside, and where an exarchal church will be erected.

We grant to this new Church and to its sacred Antistite the rights and privileges, honors, which are enumerated in the Apostolic Letters *De Ritibus Orientalibus* and *De Personis*, recently issued, from canon 366 to canon 387, with the understanding that the Exarch shall bear all the obligations that are inherent in his office.

As for the exarchal fund, it shall be formed from the offerings and voluntary contributions of the people. Regarding the splendor of the ceremonies and the counsel of the Exarch, diocesan consultants shall be appointed.

[*Latin ed. p. 98*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Commentary 98. Official documents, which assist the Prelate in his new endeavors. Concerning the students of the sacred disciplines, in whom all the future hope of the Exarchate consists, they will be able to benefit from the Seminaries existing for the Ruthenians in Rome. Furthermore, the venerable Brother Roinulus Carboni, Archbishop with the title of Sidon, and Apostolic Delegate in Australia, New Zealand, and Oceania, will strive to carry out these Letters of Ours, and to him we grant all powers necessary for this purpose, which he may delegate to any distinguished priest. When the business has been concluded, the documents shall be drawn up, and sincere copies thereof shall be promptly sent to the Holy Congregation for the Eastern Church. If, at the time of execution, another person presides over the same Apostolic Delegation, that person shall carry out Our mandates. We wish these Letters to be effective now and in the future; so that those things which have been decreed through them may be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their force. No prescriptions of any kind can be contrary to the effectiveness of these Letters, since through these Letters we abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that such action be declared entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these Letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person established in ecclesiastical dignity, and which

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have been signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented. Whoever disregards or in any way rejects Our decrees in general should know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the tenth day of the month of May, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, in the twentieth year of Our Pontificate.

OELSUS
Card.
COSTANTINI
EUGENIUS
Card.
TISSERANT
S. R. E.
Cancellarius
S. Congr. pro Ecclesia Orientali
a Secretis
Hamletus Tondini
Apostolicam Cancellariam Regens
Franciscanus Hannibal Ferretti, Prot. Apost.
Bernardus De Felicis, Prot. Apost.
Loco £8 Plumbi
In Ap. Cane, tab., vol. LXXXXVII, n. 89.

[*Latin ed. p. 99*]

Acta Pii PP. XII 99 IV. CAGAYANAE (ZAMBOANGENSIS) DIOCESIS. The Diocese of Zamboanga, in the Philippine Islands, is raised to the metropolitan rank and becomes the seat of a new ecclesiastical province. PIUS, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE PERPETUAL COMMEMORATION. As a mother, who adapts herself to the needs and conditions of her children, the Holy Church, the divinely established parent of all mankind, omits nothing to nurture the entrusted people with ever greater care, considering the circumstances of the times. Therefore, we, who by the will of God have undertaken to govern her, have considered it fitting to receive and approve the petition of the venerable Brother Aegidius Vagnozzi, Archbishop with the title of Myra and Apostolic Nuncio in the Philippine Islands, who, desiring to serve the people of the island of Mindanao more effectively, requested from this Holy See that a new ecclesiastical province be established there, and that the cathedral church of Zamboanga, formerly dependent on the metropolitan Cagayana, be raised to the metropolitan rank and dignity. For this reason, having learned the opinion of the venerable Brothers

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James Hayes, Archbishop of Cagayan, and Aloysius Dei Rosario, Bishop of Zamboanga; with their consent obtained, and with the agreement of those who have some right in this arrangement of churches, and after consultation with our beloved Son, the Most Reverend Cardinal, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory, and with the fullness of our authority, we decree and order the following: We adorn the cathedral church of Zamboanga with the title and dignity of an archiepiscopal metropolitan church, with all the rights and privileges that other Sees of the same rank enjoy by common law; and, after hearing the consent of our beloved Son, the Most Reverend Cardinal, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, we place the apostolic prefecture of Sulu under it as a suffragan. We also instruct the Bishop of Zamboanga, the venerable Brother Aloysius Dei Rosario, and his successors, with the rank and insignia of an Archbishop Metropolitan, granting them all the rights and privileges; but also burdening them with the duties and obligations by which other Metropolitans throughout the world are adorned and held according to the law. Therefore, we grant him the power to carry the cross before him, but only within the boundaries of his archdiocese, and to wear the sacred pallium, after it has been presented to him in a public Consistory.

[*Latin ed. p. 100*]

100 Acta Apostolicae Sedis – Having duly requested and obtained the official commentary, we hereby subordinate the Apostolic Prefecture of Sulu. Finally, we command that the Cathedral Chapter of Zamboanga be elevated to the rank, title, and dignity of a metropolitan collegiate chapter, with all the rights and privileges, as well as the obligations, that are customarily associated with such a body. These matters will be overseen by our esteemed son, Amelius Poggi, who is responsible for the affairs of the Holy See in the Philippine Islands, to whom we grant all the necessary powers for this purpose, and who may, if necessary, delegate them to any other person who is duly constituted in ecclesiastical dignity, and we impose upon him the task of preparing the documents pertaining to the completed matter, and of sending copies thereof to the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory as soon as possible. And if, at the time that these matters are being carried out, another person is managing the affairs of the Holy See in the Philippine Islands, this person will bear the same responsibilities and enjoy the same powers. We intend that these documents be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those to whom they pertain will observe the decrees contained therein with religious devotion, and thus will they obtain their full force. No prescriptions of any kind whatsoever can be contrary to the effectiveness of these documents, since through these documents we abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We

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command that such action be declared entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to alter or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these documents, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person duly constituted in ecclesiastical dignity and are signed by a public notary, shall have the same full validity as if they were presented. Let those who in any way despise or disregard Our decrees know that they will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the nineteenth day of the month of May, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, in the twentieth year of Our pontificate.

CELSUS
Card.

COSTANTINI MARCELLUS

Card.
MIMMI
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Cancellarius
S. Congr. Consistorialis
a Secretis
Hamletus Tondini
Apostolicam Cancellariam Regens
Bernardus De Felicis,
Prot. Apost.
Caesar Federici,
Prot. Apost.
Loco £8 Plumbi
In Ap. Cane, tab., vol. XCVII, n. 98.

[*Latin ed. p. 101*]

Acta, P.P. XII, 101 V, CIVITATIS BOLIVARENSIS (MATURINENSIS): After certain territories have been detached from the Diocese of Ciudad Bolívar, a new Diocese is founded, to be called Maturín. Pope Pius, servant of the servants of God, for the perpetual memory of the Kingdom of God, which is the Church, and which Christ foretold would be so vast that it would not only equal the boundaries of the world, but would also encompass all peoples, united by the sincerity of one faith, has, even in our time, extended its boundaries to such an extent that it is often necessary to establish new dioceses with new boundaries. Therefore, when

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the venerable Brother Raphael Forni, Archbishop with the title of Aegina, and Apostolic Nuncio in the Republic of Venezuela, and the civil authority, earnestly requested this Holy See to establish a new diocese by dividing the territory of the Diocese of Ciudad Bolívar, We, after due consideration, and having heard the counsel of the venerable Brother John Joseph Bernal Ortiz, Bishop of Ciudad Bolívar, have judged it fitting to grant this request. Wherefore, with the consent of those who have some right in this matter, by Our supreme and apostolic authority, We decree and order the following: We detach from the Diocese of Ciudad Bolívar all that territory which, as is said, is commonly known as Monagas, and We incorporate it into the form of a new diocese, to be called Maturín, which shall be bounded as follows: to the north, by the Diocese of Cumaná; to the east, by the Apostolic Vicariate of Tucupita; to the south, by the Diocese of Barcelona in Venezuela, and also to the west. We establish the seat of the new diocese in the city of Maturín, where the Bishop shall reside, and shall place the episcopal chair of authority in the church of Saint Simeon the Apostle, which We elevate to the dignity of a cathedral. We grant to the diocese, and to its Bishop, the rights, honors, and privileges that are appropriate; and We also impose upon the sacred Prelate the duties and obligations pertaining to his office and ministry. Furthermore, the Church of Maturín shall be suffragan to the metropolitan See of Caracas.

[*Latin ed. p. 102*]

102. The Acts of the Apostolic See – the official record – and its Metropolitan Archbishop shall obey. Furthermore, We decree that a College of Canons be established in the cathedral church of this diocese, according to the norms to be set forth in other documents to be issued under the seal. However, until that is done, diocesan consultants shall be chosen, with the advice of the Bishop, to assist in the work. These consultants, of course, will cease from their duties with the establishment of the College of Canons. It is of the utmost importance that the Ordinary of the place establish at least an elementary seminary in his diocese, according to the norms of common law and the Holy Congregation for Seminaries and Universities; for seminaries are like the gymnasium of priests, in which all hope for future prosperity consists. When young men have reached the age at which they must be imbued with philosophy and theology, those who are the best shall be sent to Rome, to the Pontifical College for Latin America. The episcopal revenues, the offerings of the faithful, and a suitable portion of the goods, according to Canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law, shall provide for the sustenance of the episcopal table. Furthermore, with regard to the administration of the diocese, the election of a Capitular Vicar in the event of a vacancy, and other matters of this kind, the laws of the sacred canons shall be observed. Concerning the clergy, We decree that priests shall be assigned to the diocese in which they

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hold office or benefice; and those who legitimately reside in a diocese shall be assigned to that diocese. Finally, all acts and documents pertaining in any way to the new circumscription shall be sent promptly to its episcopal curia, where they shall be carefully preserved. Moreover, Our venerable brother Raphael Forni, whom We have mentioned, will strive to carry out these mandates, and We grant him all the powers necessary to accomplish this task. He may also delegate another person, provided that person is a priest of distinction. When the task is completed, the documents and acts shall be drawn up, and true copies thereof shall be promptly sent to the Holy Congregation for the Consistory. If, at the time of execution, another Apostolic Nuncio is presiding in the Republic of Venice, he shall carry out all that We have ordered. We intend these documents to be effective now and in the future; so that those to whom they pertain shall observe religiously what has been decreed therein, and thus obtain their full effect. Nothing, of any kind, shall be able to impede the effectiveness of these documents, since by these documents We derogate from all contrary prescriptions. Therefore, if anyone, with whatever authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We declare that such action shall be entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to alter or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, copies of these documents, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of an ecclesiastical official, shall be considered authentic.

[*Latin ed. p. 103*]

103 The acts of Pope Pius XII, established with due solemnity, and likewise signed by a public notary, shall have the same full force and credit as if they were presented. Whoever, in any way, shall disregard or despise Our decrees in general, let him know that he will incur the penalties established by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, near St. Peter, on the twenty-fourth day of the month of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, the twentieth year of Our pontificate.

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Apostolicam Cancellariam Regens
Franciscanus
Hannibal
Ferretti,
Prot. Apost.
Caesar
Federici,
Prot. Apost.
Loco © Plumbi
In Cana.
Ap. tab., vol. LXXXXLVII, n. 87.

[*Latin ed. p. 104*]

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ACTA of the HOLY CONGREGATIONS

SACRED CONSISTORY

I. PROVISIONS REGARDING CHURCHES

Most Holy Father, Our Lord Pope John, by Divine Providence XXIII, having succeeded to the Papacy, and by successive decrees of the Sacred Consistory, has, with paternal care, provided for the following churches with new pastors, namely: on November 16, 1958.

— To the titular bishopric of the Church of Caesarea in Numidia, he appointed the Reverend Wenceslaus Wicisk, professor at the Major Seminary of the city commonly known as "Opole," and designated him as an Auxiliary to His Eminence, Cardinal Stephen Wyszyński, Archbishop of Gnesen and Warsaw, for the Archdiocese of Gnesen.

— To the titular bishopric of the Alien Church, he appointed the Reverend Lech Kaczmarek, professor of philosophy at the Major Seminary of the same city, and designated him as an Auxiliary to His Excellency, Bishop Edmund Nowicki, titular Bishop of Thugga, Coadjutor "assigned to" the Cathedral Church of Danzig.

On November 18.

— To the titular bishopric of the Church of Eudocia, he appointed the Reverend Ioannes Czerniak, director of the pastoral office of the Archiepiscopal Curia of Gnesen, and designated him as an Auxiliary to His Eminence, Cardinal Stephen Wyszyński, Archbishop of Gnesen and Warsaw, for the Archdiocese of Gnesen.

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— To the titular bishopric of the Church of Daonium, he appointed the Reverend Georgium Modzelewski, chancellor of the Metropolitan Church of Warsaw, and designated him as an Auxiliary to His Eminence, Cardinal Stephen Wyszyński, Archbishop of Gnesen and Warsaw, for the Archdiocese of Warsaw.

On January 23, 1959.

— To the Cathedral Church of Pittsburgh, His Excellency, Bishop Ioannes Iosephus Wright, formerly Bishop of Vigornia.

— To the titular bishopric of the Church of Foratiana, he appointed the Reverend Ioannes Gulielmus Comber, General Director of the Society of Maryknoll for Foreign Missions.

[*Latin ed. p. 105*]

The Sacred Consistorial Congregation, on the 105th day, January 26th. — To the Cathedral Church of Roermond, the Reverend Peter John Anthony Moors, Rector of the Minor Seminary of Roermond. On January 27th. — To the titular episcopal See of Eminentiana, the Reverend Julius Angerhausen, National Chaplain of the Catholic Union of Young Workers in Germany, whom the Most Reverend Auxiliary Bishop Francis Hengsbach, Bishop of Essen, has appointed.

II. CAMPINENSIS - RIVI NIGRI. DECREE CONCERNING THE CHANGE OF BOUNDARIES.

Having earnestly requested by the spiritual authorities, the Most Reverend Bishops Paulus Tarsensis Campos, Archbishop of Campinas, and Aloisius de Amaral Mousinho, Archbishop of Ribeirão Preto, that the boundaries of their archdioceses be somewhat altered, so that they might be more suitably arranged, the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, having considered the favorable opinion of the Most Reverend Armand Lombardi, titular Archbishop of Caesarea Philippi and Apostolic Nuncio in the United States of Brazil, and having recognized that such changes would contribute to the eternal salvation of souls, and with the special faculties granted to it by Our Most Holy Father, Pope Pius XI, has graciously approved the following:

Therefore, with the consent of those who have an interest, or are presumed to have an interest, the present Decree is issued:

1. A portion of the territory of the municipalities commonly called Lerne, Piraçununga, and Porto Ferreira, which is currently under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Ribeirão Preto, is separated from the archdiocese of Ribeirão Preto and permanently attached to the archdiocese of Campinas, so that the entire territory of the aforementioned municipalities of Lerne, Piraçununga, and Porto Ferreira, as now defined by civil law, belongs to the archdiocese of Campinas.

2. Conversely, a portion of the territory of the municipality commonly

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called Mogí-Guassú, which is currently under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Campinas, is separated from the archdiocese of Campinas and permanently assigned to the archdiocese of Ribeirão Preto, so that the entire territory of the aforementioned municipality of Mogí-Guassú, as now defined by civil law, belongs to the archdiocese of Ribeirão Preto.

[*Latin ed. p. 106*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 106. The same Sacred Consistorial Congregation, without altering the boundaries of the aforementioned archdioceses, decrees that documents and all acts pertaining to said territories be transmitted from the curia to which they previously belonged to the archdiocesan curia to which they are now newly joined; and with regard to the clergy, it decrees that as soon as the present Decree is put into effect, those priests of the Church shall be considered as belonging to the territory in which they legitimately hold a benefice or ecclesiastical office; and that other clergy of the Church shall remain incardinated in the territory in which they have a legitimate domicile. For all of these matters, the aforementioned Sacred Congregation has deemed it fitting to appoint the Most Reverend Father Armando Lombardi of Lombardy to oversee the execution, granting him the necessary and appropriate powers, including the power to delegate to any person holding an ecclesiastical office, to carry out the aforementioned purpose, with the obligation of submitting to the same Sacred Consistorial Congregation, as soon as possible, an authentic copy of the act of execution completed. Regarding these matters, the present Consistorial Decree shall be valid as if it were issued with Apostolic Letters sealed with the papal seal. Contrary provisions notwithstanding. Given at Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, on the 21st of July, 1958. [Signed] MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI, Bishop of Sabina and Mondello, Secretary. L. © S. Joseph Ferretto, Third Assistant. COLIMENSIS DECREE CONCERNING THE ERECTION OF THE DIGNITY OF ARCHDEACON IN THE CATHEDRAL CHAPTER. Ignatius de Alba y Hernández, Bishop of Colima, recently presented humble petitions to the Apostolic See, so that, according to canon 393, § 1, of the Code of Canon Law, the dignity of Archdeacon be established in his cathedral chapter. The Sacred Consistorial Congregation, by virtue of the special faculties granted to it by the Most Holy Pope, our Lord Pius, by the Divine Providence, Pope XII, considered it fitting to grant the petitions presented.

[*Latin ed. p. 107*]

The Sacred Congregation for the Eastern Church, 107. Wherefore, with the consent of those who have an interest in the matter, or are presumed to have it, this Congregation permanently erects and establishes the collegiate dignity of the Archdeaconate within the cathedral chapter of Colima. The conferral of this dignity, according to the norms of the sacred canons, is

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reserved to the Apostolic See, which, however, by the present Consistorial Decree, confers it for this first time upon the Most Reverend Joseph Alexander Carrillo, canon of the same chapter of Colima. Thus constituted, the archdeacon shall be the president of the cathedral chapter, and shall enjoy all the rights and privileges with which dignities are endowed, according to common law. To accomplish all of these things, the same Sacred Congregation deputes the Most Reverend Father Aloysius Raimondi, titular Archbishop of Tarsus and Apostolic Delegate in the Mexican Prefecture, and grants him the necessary and appropriate powers, including the power to delegate, for the purpose in question, any man who has been established in an ecclesiastical dignity, to the effect that he remit to the same Sacred Congregation, as soon as possible, the authentic copy of the act of execution completed. These matters are governed by this Consistorial Decree as if they were issued under the Apostolic seal, and nothing contrary shall prejudice them. Given at Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Congregation, on the 21st day of the month of July, in the year 1958. [Signed] MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI, Bishop of Sabina and Mondella, Secretary. L. S. Joseph Ferretto, Assistant. SACRED CONGREGATION FOR THE EASTERN CHURCH. DECREE. THE JURISDICTION OF THE APOSTOLIC EXARCH IS EXTENDED TO AUSTRALIA. By an Apostolic Constitution, which begins with the words "Singular," the Apostolic Exarchate for the faithful Ruthenians, or Ukrainians, of the Byzantine rite residing in Australia, was happily erected on the tenth day of the month of May of the current year.

[*Latin ed. p. 108*]

Acta 108 Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary. It was reported that the Most Reverend Father Doctor Ronmlus Carboni, Apostolic Delegate in Australia, had found similar practices among families in New Zealand as well, and that the faithful residing on the continent frequently migrate to the islands of the Pacific Ocean, especially to New Papua and New Guinea. Therefore, it seemed appropriate to extend the jurisdiction of the Apostolic Exarch for the Ruthenians to these territories as well. Consequently, this matter was presented to the aforementioned Eminence, Cardinal Secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Eastern Churches, on the tenth day of December of the current year, and after due consideration, the Most Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, by Divine Providence, graciously granted that the jurisdiction of the aforementioned Apostolic Exarch, established for the time being for the faithful Ruthenians or Ukrainians residing in Australia, be extended to New Zealand and Oceania, as is stated in the decree. All contrary opinions to the contrary notwithstanding. Given in Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Congregation for the Eastern Churches, on the twelfth day of December, in the year of Our Lord 1958. EUGENIUS Card. TISSERANT, Secretary. L. © S. Acacius Coussa, Assistant. DECREE OF THE APOS-

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TOLIC SEE: THE APOSTOLIC EXARCHATE FOR THE RUTHENIANS IN AUSTRALIA IS CHANGED. The Most Reverend Father Doctor Ioannes Prasko, Bishop in the titular See of Zigritanus, and also Apostolic Exarch for the faithful Ruthenians or Ukrainians of the Byzantine Rite residing in Australia, requested, for many reasons, that, contrary to what is prescribed in the Apostolic Constitution "Singularem huius," of the tenth day of May of the current year, concerning the establishment of the episcopal residence and the erection of the exarchal church in the city commonly called Sydney, he be allowed to reside rather in Melbourne, and there to erect the sacred exarchal buildings, since he has resided there for a long time and it is easier for him to travel from that city to other parts of Australia. This request, which was strongly recommended by the Most Reverend Father Doctor Romulo Carboni, Apostolic Delegate in Australia, was presented to the aforementioned Eminence, Cardinal Secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Eastern Churches, on the twelfth day of December of the current year, and after due consideration, the Most Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, by Divine Providence, graciously accepted it and granted that the aforementioned Apostolic Exarch, as mentioned above, should...

[*Latin ed. p. 109*]

The Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith decrees that a vicariate be established for the benefit of Melbourne, and that a titular church be erected in that city, with all contrary opinions being of no account. Given in Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Congregation for the Eastern Church, on the eleventh day of December in the year of Our Lord 1906. EUGENIUS Card. TESSERANT, Secretary. L. m S. Acacius Coussa, Assistant.

SACRED CONGREGATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.

STANLEYPOLITAN. - VAMBA.

DECREE CONCERNING THE ALTERATION OF VICARIATE BOUNDARIES.

Since the ecclesiastical boundaries between the Apostolic Vicariates of Stanleypolitan and Wamba, entrusted to the priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, no longer adequately corresponded to the needs of the missionary apostolate in the Belgian Congo, it was deemed opportune to proceed with a partial alteration of these boundaries between the aforementioned ecclesiastical divisions. Therefore, this Holy Council, having carefully considered the matter, taking into account the interests of all involved, and having

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heard the favorable opinion of the Most Reverend Father Alfred Brunier, titular Archbishop of Claudiopolitan in Honorade and Apostolic Delegate in the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi, has decided that the boundaries between the aforementioned divisions should be amended in such a way that the entire portion of territory which, situated to the north of the river Linda, extends from the eastern boundaries of the Apostolic Vicariate of Stanleypolitan to the 26th degree of longitude, and which hitherto belonged to the Apostolic Vicariate of Stanleypolitan, should be separated from said Vicariate and attached to the Apostolic Vicariate of Wamba. This decision was made by the same Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith,

[*Latin ed. p. 110*]

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By virtue of special faculties granted to it by the Most Holy Pope John, by the Divine Providence, Pope XXIII, it approved and confirmed the present Decree, and ordered it to be published for the matter at hand.

Given in Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, on the 28th day of the month of November, in the year of Our Lord 1958.

P. Card. FUMASONI BIONDI, Prefect.

L. & S. f

P. Sigismondi, Archbishop titular of Neapolis in Pisidia, Secretary.

II

LEOPOLDOPOLITAN - KISANTUEN.

DECREE CONCERNING THE ALTERATION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF VICARIATES

Since the ecclesiastical boundaries between the Apostolic Vicariate of Leopoldopolitan, entrusted to the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the Apostolic Vicariate of Kisantu, entrusted to the Society of Jesus, no longer adequately responded to the needs of the missionary apostolate in the Belgian Congo, it was deemed opportune to proceed with a partial alteration of the boundaries between the aforementioned ecclesiastical territories.

Therefore, after mature deliberation, taking into consideration the interests of all parties involved, and after hearing the favorable opinion of the Most Reverend Alfred Bruniera, titular Archbishop of Claudiopolitan in Honorias and Apostolic Delegate in the Belgian Congo and in Ruanda Urundi, this Sacred Council, for the Propagation of the Christian Name, decided that the boundaries between the aforementioned territories should

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be amended as follows: from the southernmost sources of the Mfuna River, a straight line up to the confluence of the Lususa River and the Ndjili River; then, the course of this latter river up to its confluence with the Didingi River.

This decision was approved and confirmed by the same Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, by virtue of the special faculties granted to it by the Most Holy Pope John, by the Divine Providence, Pope XXIII, and it ordered the present Decree to be published for the matter at hand.

Given in Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, on the 5th day of the month of December, in the year of Our Lord 1958.

P. Card. FUMASONI BIONDI, Prefect.

L. Cß S. f

P. Sigismondi, Archbishop titular of Neapolis in Pisidia, Secretary.

[*Latin ed. p. 111*]

The Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, 111 III, UAGADUGOU. - KOUDOUGOU. DECREE CONCERNING THE ALTERATION OF DIOCESAN BOUNDARIES.

Since in French West Africa, the ecclesiastical boundaries between the Archdiocese of Uagadougou and the Diocese of Koudougou, entrusted to the Missionaries of Africa, no longer adequately responded to the needs of the missionary apostolate, it seemed opportune to proceed with a partial alteration of the boundaries between the aforementioned ecclesiastical jurisdictions. Therefore, this Sacred Council, having carefully considered the matter, taking into account the interests of all involved, and having heard the favorable opinion of the Most Reverend Father Marcel Lefebvre, Archbishop of Dakar and Apostolic Delegate in French Africa, has decided that the boundaries between the aforementioned jurisdictions should be amended in such a way that the entire portion of the civil region commonly called "Leo," which hitherto belonged to the Archdiocese of Uagadougou, should be detached from said archdiocese and attached to the Diocese of Koudougou. This decision, the same Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, by virtue of the special faculties granted to it by Our Most Holy Lord Pope John Divine Providence XXIII, has approved and confirmed, and has ordered that the present Decree be issued accordingly.

Given at Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, on the 19th day of December in the year of Our Lord 1958.

P. Card. FUMASONI BIONDI, Prefect.

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P. Sigismondi, Archbishop titular of Neapolis in Pisidia, Secretary.

[*Latin ed. p. 112*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium 112

Official Acts of the SACRED PENITENTIARY APOTOLICAL TRIBUNAL (Office of Indulgences)

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH, KNOWN AS "THE PRAYER OF SILENCE," PROMULGATED BY THE SUPREME PONTIFF JOHN XXIII, BESTOWING INDULGENCES.

O Jesus, Son of God, who loved Thy Church and gave Thyself for her, that Thou mightest sanctify her and present her to Thyself glorious and without spot (cf. Eph. 5, 23-27), behold with a look of mercy the grievous conditions to which Thy mystical Bride endures in certain parts of the Catholic world, but now particularly in the great nation of China. Thou seest, O Lord, the snares that threaten the souls of Thy faithful, and Thou knowest the slanderous insinuations uttered against Thy pastors, Thy ministers, and Thy faithful followers, who yearn to spread the evangelical truth and Thy kingdom, which is not of this world! How persistent and pernicious are the attempts to tear asunder the seamless garment of Thy Bride, the Church, one, holy, catholic, and apostolic, by separating the Hierarchy and local communities from the one center of truth, of authority, and of salvation, the See of Peter! In the face of such grave evils, we first of all ask forgiveness for the offenses that are offered to Thee. Truly, the words that Thou didst address to Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus: "Saul, Saul, why doest thou persecute me?" (Acts 9, 4), Thou canst repeat even today, as in the course of recent and past history. We always trust in the efficacy of the sublime words that Thou didst address to the Father from the height of the Cross: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23, 34). As Thy sacrifice was the source of universal salvation, so may Thy grace make salutary to all men the martyrdom that the Church, Thy Bride and our Mother, endures in the various regions! O Prince of Peace, may bishops and priests, religious and laity, be everywhere and always "zealous to preserve the unity of the spirit."

[*Latin ed. p. 113*]

The Sacred Roman Rota, in accordance with the precept of peace, "that you may be made perfect in all things, according to the will of God, filled with joy and peace in believing" (Ephesians 4:3). May Your almighty power overcome all human calculations, so that pastors and flocks may remain obedient to the voice of the one universal Shepherd, who is the Roman Pontiff, who feels in His heart the responsibility of that supreme yearning for love: "Father Holy, keep those whom You have given Me in Your name, that they may be one, as We are one" (John 17:11). Finally, O our Redeemer, turn a favorable gaze towards the merits and prayers of Your

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and our Mother, the august Queen of the Missions and of the universal Church; towards the labors, sacrifices, and blood of countless heralds of the Gospel, who everywhere gave and still give You heroic witness; and, mindful especially of Your precious Blood, shed for many for the remission of sins, grant peace to China and to the whole world, for in You alone is there hope, victory, and peace, O our immortal Lord and King of the ages and of all peoples.

On January 28, 1959, Our Lord John, in His divine Providence, has benignly granted a partial indulgence of three years, to be obtained at least with a contrite heart, for those faithful Christians who have devoutly recited the above-mentioned prayer for the Church, now called to silence. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions.

N. Card. CANALI, Major Penitentiary

L. S. S. Luzio, Regent

SACRA ROMANA ROTA

Citation by edict concerning the nullity of marriage (PULPO - DEL GIUDICE)

Since the actual place of residence of Mr. Bruni Del Giudice, in the aforementioned case, is unknown, we summon him to appear, either in person or through a duly appointed procurator, at the seat of the Tribunal of the Sacred Roman Rota (Rome, Palazzo della Cancelleria) on April 7, 1959, at the eleventh hour.

8 - ACTA, vol. I, n. 2. — February 27, 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 114*]

114 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - An Official Commentary for discussing a doubt, for agreeing upon a matter, or for subscribing to a document, and for designating the day on which the Turnus Rotalis will be held for the definition of the cause. In the case, does it pertain to the nullity of marriage? The Ordinaries of the places, the parish priests, the priests, and all the faithful who have knowledge of the place of residence of the aforementioned Mr. Bruno Del Giudice, must take care to ensure that he is informed of this edictal citation. * Pericles Felici, From the Chancery of the Tribunal of the Sacred Roman Rota, on January 21, 1959. Caietanus Pezzicara, Notary * The place of current residence of Mr. Bruno Del Giudice, the defendant in this cause, is unknown; therefore, we summon him to appear, either in person or through a legitimately constituted procurator, at the seat of the Tribunal of the Sacred Roman Rota (Rome, Palazzo della Cancelleria) on April 7, 1959, at 11 o'clock, to agree upon or subscribe to the doubt mentioned below, and to set the date for the decision of the cause before the Rota. Does it pertain to the nullity of the marriage in this case? The Ordinaries of the places, the parish priests, the priests, and the faithful who have knowledge

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of the place of residence of the aforementioned Mr. Bruno Del Giudice, must, insofar as possible, inform him of this present citation. TRIBUNAL VICARIATUS URBIS CITAL EDITALIS REGARDING THE NULLITY OF MARRIAGE (BIANCONI - PICCININI) Since the actual place of residence of Mr. Piccinini Angeli, born in Rome on April 21, 1904, who is involved in the cause concerning the nullity of marriage, as mentioned in the title, is unknown, we summon him to appear, either in person or through a legitimately constituted procurator, at the seat of the Tribunal Vicariatus.

[*Latin ed. p. 115*]

The Vicariate Tribunal of the City, 115, City (Rome, Via della Pigna, 13 a), on the 15th of May, 1959, at the hour of 12, for the purpose of resolving a doubt through discussion, or for the purpose of signing the following document, and for setting a date for the hearing of the case. The matter concerns the possible nullity of a marriage. The Ordinaries of the places, the parish priests, the priests, and all the faithful who have knowledge of the whereabouts of the aforementioned Mr. Angel Piccinini, are to take care to ensure that he is informed of this official citation.

* Petrus Santini, Official from the Chancery of the Vicariate Tribunal of the City, on the 17th of January, 1959. V. Erazzano, Chancellor.

* Since the current place of residence of Mr. Angel Piccinini, the defendant in this case, is unknown, we summon him to appear, either in person or through a legitimately constituted procurator, at the seat of the Tribunal of the Vicariate of Rome (Rome, Via della Pigna, 13 a) on the 15th of May, 1959, at 12 o'clock, to resolve or sign the doubt mentioned below, and to set the date for the hearing before the Tribunal. Does the marriage in this case appear to be null? The Ordinaries of the places, the parish priests, the priests, and the faithful who have knowledge of the place of residence of the aforementioned Mr. Angel Piccinini, must, as far as possible, inform him of this present citation.

[*Latin ed. p. 116*]

116 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary, DIARY OF THE ROMAN CURIA, SECRETARY OF STATE. By Apostolic Brief, the Most Holy Father Pius XII, of blessed memory, deigned to appoint: May 31, 1958. The Most Eminent and Reverend Cardinal Tisserant, Giles, Protector of the Shrine-Basilica of Mariazell (Austria). By Apostolic Briefs, the Holy Father John XXIII, reigning happily, deigned to appoint: December 16, 1958. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Vagnozzi, Giles, titular Archbishop of Mira, Apostolic Delegate in the United States of America. January 2, 1959. The Most Eminent and Reverend Cardinal Tedeschini, Frederick, Protector of the Society of Mary the Reconciler (Rome). February 15, 1959. The Most Eminent and Reverend Cardinal Tardini, Dominic, Protector of the International Association of Ladies of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul. February

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19, 1959. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Rocco Carmine, Apostolic Nuncio in Bolivia. February 24, 1959. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Panico, John, titular Archbishop of Giustiniana Prima, Apostolic Nuncio in Portugal. February 24, 1959. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Dante Enrico, Pro-Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Rites. February 29, 1959. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Portalupi, Sante, Apostolic Nuncio in Honduras and Nicaragua. March 9, 1959. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Beltrami, Joseph, titular Archbishop of Damascus, Apostolic Internuncio in the Netherlands. By notes from the Secretary of State, the Holy Father John XXIII, reigning happily, deigned to appoint: Honorary Chamberlain, Supernumerary to His Holiness: November 6, 1958. Monsignor Ragonesi, Remigio (Rome). November 6, 1958. Monsignor Marzani, Peter (Rome). November 6, 1958. Monsignor Federici, Frederick (Rome).

[*Latin ed. p. 117*]

Diarium Romanae Curiae 117, 6 Novembris 1958.

Most Reverend Monsignor Fiore Salvatore (Rome).

Most Reverend Monsignor Dionisi Umberto (Rome).

Most Reverend Monsignor Pasquali Gustavo (Rome).

Most Reverend Monsignor Testori Mario (Rome).

Most Reverend Monsignor Frazzano Vincenzo (Rome).

Most Reverend Monsignor Lo velli Arturo (Rome).

Most Reverend Monsignor Spalletti Oostantino (Rome).

Most Reverend Monsignor Cartacei Vinicio (Rome).

Most Reverend Monsignor Prevot Bruno (Rome).

Most Reverend Monsignor Banti Bruno (Rome).

Most Reverend Monsignor Giannini Filippo (Rome).

Most Reverend Monsignor Ferraris Domenico (Rome).

Most Reverend Monsignor Cesetti Giuseppe (Rome).

Most Reverend Monsignor Volpino Ferdinando (Rome).

Most Reverend Monsignor Della Casa Dante, of the Archdiocese of Bologna.

Most Reverend Monsignor Franzoni Guido, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Galletti Luigi, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Orlandi Elio, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Raimondi Pietro, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Romagnoli Angelo, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Mazzoli Áleardo, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Schiassi Anselmo, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Holland Tommaso, of the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

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Most Reverend Monsignor La joie Valmore, of the Diocese of San Giacinto (Canada).

Most Reverend Monsignor Lecomte Riccardo, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Hebert Ermanno, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Gagner Renato, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Martel Eucherio, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Godbout Maurizio, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Dubuc Telesforo, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Phaneuf Luigi Filippo, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Rao Antonio, of the Archdiocese of S. Paolo del Brasile.

Most Reverend Monsignor Aurisol Cavalheiro Freiro Paolo, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Bueno de Medeiros Gioacchino, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Bueno Gonçalves Giovanni, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Correia Laurini Eladio, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Da Silva Luigi Gonzaga, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Da Silva Couto Giovanni, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Da Silveira Camargo Paolo Fiorenzo, of the same Archdiocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 118*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 118, November 13, 1958. Most Reverend De Almeida Luigi Gonzaga, of the same archdiocese. Most Reverend De Araujo Giovanni Deusdedit, of the same archdiocese. Most Reverend De Oarvalho Giovanni Battista, of the same archdiocese. Most Reverend Lafayette Ferreira Alvares Giuseppe, of the same archdiocese. Most Reverend Marconides Mteh Carlo, of the same archdiocese. Most Reverend Miele Luigi Gonzaga, of the same archdiocese. Most Reverend Ricci Arturo, of the same archdiocese. Most Reverend De Castro Nery Giuseppe, of the same archdiocese. Most Reverend Fusenig Giovanni Pietro, of the same archdiocese. Most Reverend Me Donald Andrea, of the diocese of Savannah. Most Reverend Klausing Clarenzio (Toledo). Most Reverend Rees Walter, of the archdiocese of Monterey-Fresno. Most Reverend Klein Giovanni, of the archdiocese of Santa Fé. Most Reverend Fick Leonardo, of the diocese of Kansas City. Most Reverend Kleinschmidt Antonio, of the diocese of St. Cloud. Most Reverend Durst Gerardo, of the diocese of Superior.

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Most Reverend Thielen Toralf, of the archdiocese of Dubuque. Most Reverend Bremer Alberto, of the archdiocese of Seattle. Most Reverend Hof er Maurizio, of the diocese of Covington. Most Reverend Undreinez Giorgio, of the archdiocese of Sant'Antonio. Most Reverend O'Mara Giovanni, of the archdiocese of Toronto. Most Reverend Garcia Pantaleone, of the archdiocese of the Most Holy Assumption. Most Reverend Blujaki Agostino, of the same archdiocese. Most Reverend Manthey Giovanni, of the diocese of Chełmno. Most Reverend Me Devitt Geraldo, of the archdiocese of Philadelphia. Most Reverend Gain Giovanni, of the archdiocese of Newark. Most Reverend Hagarty Roberto, of the archdiocese of Chicago. Most Reverend Pazzaglia Giuseppe, (Rome). Most Reverend Deskur Andrea Maria, of the archdiocese of Cracow. Most Reverend Jacqueline Bernardo, of the diocese of Coutances. Most Reverend Jung Paolo, of the diocese of Meissen. Most Reverend Wenke Giovanni, of the same diocese. Most Reverend Isgrò Salvatore, of the archdiocese of Oristano. Most Reverend Alessandri Michelangelo (Rome). Most Reverend Boll Giuseppe, of the diocese of Aix-la-Chapelle. Most Reverend Brosch Ermanno G., of the same diocese. Most Reverend Brosch Giuseppe, of the same diocese. Most Reverend Dossing Godfredo, of the same diocese. Most Reverend Firmenich Pietro, of the same diocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 119*]

From the Roman Curial Diary, November 11, 1958, number 119.

Most Reverend Monsignor Marschang Giovanni, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Nolte Giovanni, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Vota Carlo, of the Archdiocese of Catania.

Most Reverend Monsignor Guglielmino Gioacchino, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Rapisarda Rocco, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Angiolini Giuseppe, of the diocese of Bergamo.

Most Reverend Monsignor Maggioni Giacomo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Colombo Pietro, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Cavagna Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Sala Guy, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Spada Andrea, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Sarto Guy, of the diocese of Ohioggia.

Most Reverend Monsignor De Sanctis Benedetto, of Rome.

Most Reverend Monsignor Crisan Troiano, of the diocese of Claudiopoli-Armenopoli.

Most Reverend Monsignor Cerchi Autari, of Rome.

Most Reverend Monsignor Addivinola Carmine, of the Archdiocese of

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Salerno.

Most Reverend Monsignor Simeone Edoardo, of the diocese of Calvi and Teano.

Most Reverend Monsignor Soria Amilcare, of the diocese of Alessandria.

Most Reverend Monsignor Alfano Mario, of the diocese of Cassano Ionio.

Most Reverend Monsignor Garlato Pietro, of the diocese of Concordia.

Most Reverend Monsignor Altieri Pasquale, of the Abbey of Monte Vergine.

Most Reverend Monsignor Andreini Giovanni, of the diocese of Treviso.

Most Reverend Monsignor Arlandini Giovanni, of the diocese of Biel.

Most Reverend Monsignor Bellucci Cleto, of the Archdiocese of Ancona.

Most Reverend Monsignor Carbone Vincenzo, of the Abbey of Monte Vergine.

Most Reverend Monsignor Caselle Alfred, of the diocese of Rapolla.

Most Reverend Monsignor Cecconi Marino, of the diocese of Osimo and Cingoli.

Most Reverend Monsignor Criscito Angelo, of the Archdiocese of Conza.

Most Reverend Monsignor De Girolamo Antonio, of the diocese of Ischia.

Most Reverend Monsignor Del Prete Antonio, of the diocese of Aversa.

Most Reverend Monsignor De Panfilis Italo, of the diocese of Valva and Sulmona.

Most Reverend Monsignor De Santis Mario, of the diocese of Troia.

Most Reverend Monsignor Di Martino Raffaele, of the diocese of Castellammare di Stabia.

Most Reverend Monsignor Ferrante Giuseppe, of the diocese of S. Marco and Bisignano.

Most Reverend Monsignor Ferrari Daniele, of the diocese of Bergamo.

Most Reverend Monsignor Fini Luigi, of the diocese of Urbania.

Most Reverend Monsignor Fontana Gianluigi, of the diocese of Bergamo.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuliani Luigi, of the diocese of Iesi.

Most Reverend Monsignor Golia Carmelo, of the Archdiocese of Benevento.

Most Reverend Monsignor Greco Raffaele, of the diocese of Lech.

Most Reverend Monsignor Jacovino Rosario, of the diocese of Anglona-Tursi.

Most Reverend Monsignor Jaria Antonino, of the Archdiocese of Reggio Calabria.

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Most Reverend Monsignor Jurilli Michele, of the Archdiocese of Bari.

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Most Reverend Macchione Anthony, of the diocese of Aversa.

Most Reverend Meies Dominic, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Mogliani Marino, of the diocese of Macerata and Tolentino.

Giovanni Palmesano, of the diocese of Calvi.

Most Reverend Pelaia Bruno, of the diocese of Squillace.

Most Reverend Peri Ivan, of the diocese of Nocera Umbra.

Most Reverend Benna Joseph, of the diocese of Lech.

Most Reverend Ricci Giulio, of the diocese of Acquapendente.

Most Reverend Roberti Nazarene, of the diocese of Segni.

Most Reverend Roselli Sante, of the diocese of Ruvo.

Most Reverend Soligo Francis, of the diocese of Treviso.

Most Reverend Tombari Amedeo, of the diocese of Nepi and Sutri.

Most Reverend Trisoglio Dominic, of the diocese of Casale Monferrato.

Most Reverend Venturini Leopardo, of the diocese of Viterbo and Tuscania.

Most Reverend Verrastro Anthony, of the diocese of Potenza.

Most Reverend Colli Dominic, of the diocese of Novara.

Most Reverend Pirazzi Joseph, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Prestinoni Mario, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Ross Anthony, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Lucchini Louis, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Casale Alexander, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Fortini Rocco, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Gámbaro Joseph, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Castelli John Baptist, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Colli Cesare, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend De Lorenzi Joseph, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Del Signore Casimir, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Ferri Francis, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Gallante John, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Lupo Eugene, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Ponti Agostino, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Ross Mario, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Spagnolini Peter, of the same diocese.

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Most Reverend Visconti Joseph, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Fornara Louis, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Lodigiani Louis, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mainardi Secondo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Boietti Charles, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Bona Angelo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Zanotti Anthony, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Agostini Alexander (Rome).
Most Reverend Bordili Joseph (Rome).
Most Reverend Lambruschini Ferdinand (Rome).
Most Reverend Borettini Louis, of the diocese of Reggio Emilia.
Most Reverend Giannini George (Rome).

[*Latin ed. p. 121*]

Diarium Romanae Curiae 121, November 27, 1958.
Most Reverend Janusz Motylewski (Boma).
Most Reverend Giovanni Moruzzi, of the diocese of Crema.
Most Reverend Angelo Patrini, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Francesco Groppelli, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Tommaso Patrini, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Alfredo Bonizzoni, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Giovanni Grassi Scalvini, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Bellino Capetti, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Giovanni Bonomi, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Gabriele Lucchi, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Angelo Madeo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Francesco Piantelli, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Narciso Ferrari, of the Archdiocese of Florence.
Most Reverend Clemente Buttigieg, of the diocese of Gozo.
Most Reverend Edoardo Bondi Dalli, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Salvatore Tabone, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Ermanno Agterof, of the diocese of Haarlem.
Most Reverend Ermanno Desain, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Alfonso Diepenbrock, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Enrico Frank, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Bernardo Haanen, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Giacomo Van Der Hoogte, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Guglielmo De Jongh, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Guglielmo Nolet, of the same diocese.

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Most Reverend Cosma Van Trigt, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Giovanni Willebrands, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Teodoro Beukers, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Nicola De Martino, of the diocese of Lodi.
Most Reverend Antonio Perosi, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Ignazio Spini, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Giovanni Bombelli, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Domenico Siboni, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Aniceto Brambilla, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Felice Patrini, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Giulio Antonietti, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Giuseppe Neubauer, of the diocese of Passau.
Most Reverend Emiliano Janik, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Ludovico Penzkofer, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Giuseppe Eberth, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Giuseppe Huber, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Francesco G. Ficher, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Alfonso Grueneis, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Massimiliano Tremmel, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Cornelio J. Fiavin, of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis.
Most Reverend Giorgio A. Lodes, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Giuseppe E. Michalski, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Edward T. O'Meara, of the same Archdiocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 122*]

122 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale, 28 Novembris 1958. Reverendissimus Dominus Borello Giuseppe, ex dioecesi Susa.

Reverendissimus Dominus Marra Garlo, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Falaguerra Mario, ex eadem dioecesi.

29 Reverendissimus Dominus Quadri Santo, ex dioecesi Bergomi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Andrianopoli Luigi, ex archidioecesi Genuae.

Reverendissimus Dominus Bruzzo Vittorio Emanuele, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Oanevaro Luigi, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Oarpaneto Mario, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Cicali Giovanni, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Crovari Giacomo, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Gallo Angelo, ex eadem archidioecesi.

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Reverendissimus Dominus Marchese Agostino, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Massa Giacomo, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Mncisio Silvio, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Pelloux Luigi, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Pesce Bartolomeo, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Pomata Paolo, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Stagno Nicolò, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Capuano Francesco, ex dioecesi Ischiae.

Reverendissimus Dominus Senesi Ferdinando, ex dioecesi Iesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Fazi Ulderico, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Dottori Giuseppe, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Rettaroli Arduino, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Oarloni Giuseppe, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Benigni Aurelio, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Ciattaglia Clemente, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Me Greal Giocomo R., ex dioecesi Manchensteri (U.S.A.).

Reverendissimus Dominus Gardner Lorenzo R., ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Hansberry Tommaso S., ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Leddy Patrizio, ex dioecesi Monterey-Fresno.

Reverendissimus Dominus Smith Giuseppe F., ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Richards Vincenzo W., ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus O'Brien Matteo, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus De Galarretà Giuseppe E., ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus McGovern Tommaso, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus McGoldrick Giuseppe, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Forde Giovanni B., ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus O'Reilly Patrizio, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus McHugh Martino, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Morahan Tommaso J., ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus McKenna Francesco, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Baquedano Silvano, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Ryan Giovanni J., ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Ryan Giovanni F. C., ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Hannon Patrizio, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Bennis Giacomo, ex eadem dioecesi.

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Reverendissimus Dominus Buckley Michele, ex eadem dioecesi.

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Diarium Romanae Curiae, 123, 29 Novembris, 1958.

Most Reverend Patrick Daly, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend William McLoughlin, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Anthony G. Herdegen, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Francis J. Pointek, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend John F. Durkin, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Rodomonte Galligani, of the diocese of Nepi et Sutri.

Most Reverend Daniel David Tierney, of the diocese of Winona.

Most Reverend William Francis Klein, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Harold James Dittman, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Richard John Feiten, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend William Thomas Magee, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Joseph Robert McGinnis, of the same diocese.

1 Decembris.

Most Reverend Gerard Ducote, of the diocese of Alexandria (U.S.A.).

Most Reverend Terence Lennon, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Howard Smith, of the diocese of Cleveland.

Most Reverend Joseph Walsh, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Raymond Gallagher, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Francis Carney, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Charles Ritty, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Thomas Corrigan, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Michael Trivisonno, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Joseph Feghali, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Cornelius Sweeney, of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Most Reverend James Galvin, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Francis Reine, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Louis Yurrita Armendaris, of the diocese of San Sebastian.

Most Reverend Ludwig Aspock, of the diocese of Linz.

Most Reverend Joseph Huber, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend John Obernhumer, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Francis Viebok, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend James Lowry, of the diocese of Scranton.

Most Reverend John Carroll, of the Archdiocese of Boston.

Most Reverend James Cotter, of the same archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Francis Juras, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend John Cuffe, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Philip Kearney, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Francis Lally, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Francis McElroy, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Francis Rossiter, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend George Schlichte, of the same archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Monsignor Michele Adams, of the diocese of Corpus Christi.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe Alvarado, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Engelberto Bartosch, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Guglielmo Hennel, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Carlo Malloy, of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni Weier, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni Brew, of the Archdiocese of New York.

Most Reverend Monsignor Raimondo Collins, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Francesco Costello, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Bernard Cullen, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni Curry, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe Dunn, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Leone Farley, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Francesco Flattery, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Daniele Hurley, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni Illich, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni Kelly, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni Lennon, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni McDermott, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Enrico Pregenser, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Harry J. Wölfl, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Vincenzo Baldwin, of the diocese of Rockville Center.

Most Reverend Monsignor Ronald MacDonald, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Eugenio Crawford, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Pacifico Ciabocco, of the Archdiocese of Camerino.

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Most Reverend Monsignor Sebastiano Ridolfi, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Luigi Catenelli, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Casto Falchetti, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Nicola Giacobini, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Ferruccio Loreti, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Alfredo Marucci, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Renzo Rossi, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Cherubino Salvatori, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Aleandro Sestili, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giulio Splendiani, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Benedetto Simonelli, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Antonio Bittarelli, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Benedetto Applegate, of the diocese of Columbus.

Most Reverend Monsignor Lorenzo Corcoran, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Matteo Howard, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Guglielmo Kappes, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giacomo Kulp, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giorgio Mason, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe McGlynn, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Paolo O'Dea, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giorgio Sehorr, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Edoardo Spiers, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Gregorio Cardosi (Rome).

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From the Diary of the Roman Curia, December 12, 1958.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giorgio Fanti, of the diocese of Orte.

Most Reverend Monsignor Umberto Zuppante, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Secondo Nisini, of the diocese of Civita Castellana.

Most Reverend Monsignor Aurelio Conti, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Pietro Nardini, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Vincenzo Aglialoro, of the Archdiocese of Palermo.

Most Reverend Monsignor Gaspare Aiello, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Filippo Arena, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Leonardo Bruno, of the same archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Monsignor Francesco D'Ardia, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni De Caro Carelia, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Luigi Longhi, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Nunzio Mineo, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Pietro Nasca, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Teotista Panzeca, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe Pizzo, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Lorenzo Profeta, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Antonino Romano, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Agostino Sansone, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Michele Sarullo, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Ignazio Sucato, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Angelo Cacciatore (Rome).

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni R. Gleason, of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Most Reverend Monsignor Eduardo V. Dailey, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Francesco I. Lavin, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe D. Connerton, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni D. Fitzgerald, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Tommaso A. Meehan, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Pietro D. Meegan, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe T. Lahart, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Bernardo M. Brogan, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Ignazio D. McDermott, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Carlo N. Meter, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Edoardo M. Roche, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Tommaso J. Fitzgerald, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Francesco J. McElligott, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Guglielmo J. McNichols, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Daniele M. Cantwell, of the same archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe P. Fitzgerald, of the same archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Mr. Lynch, Lorenzo W., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. McManns, William E., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Higgins, George G., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Howard, Martin M., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Masterson, Donald J., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Quinn, John S., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Byrne, Francis W., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Quinn, William J., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Vonesh, Raymond J., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Halpin, George O., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Howard, Joseph J., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Egan, John J., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Kelly, John M., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. O'Day, Martin J., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Sehnke, Joseph A., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Owczarek, John O., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Wycislo, Louis A., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Kush, Joseph T., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Mozeris, Damasus A., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Lovatto, John Baptist, of the Diocese of Reconquista.
Most Reverend Mr. Savio, Peter, of the Diocese of Asti.
Most Reverend Mr. Reinold, Lewis, of the Diocese of Essen.
Most Reverend Mr. Amori, Ildebrando, of the Archdiocese of Perugia.
Most Reverend Mr. Oancellotti, David, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Castellini, Walter, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Cerimonia, Louis, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Ciampoletti, Primo, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Cirenei, Joseph, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Dottorini, Dominic, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Fedeli, Anthony, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Lestini, Joseph, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Marchesini, Jocundus, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Minestrini, Hector, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Marinacci, Vincent, of the same Archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Mr. Minchiatti, Charles, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Palmerini, Hugo, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Ranieri, Nazarene, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Rossi, Darius, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Rossi, Joseph, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Urru, Charles, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Mancorti, Francis, of the Diocese of Modigliana.
Most Reverend Mr. Valentini, Mario, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Moglioni, Augustus, of Rome.

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Most Reverend Nicola Metta (Rome).
Most Reverend Carlo Salvi, of the Archdiocese of Genoa.
Most Reverend Giuseppe Monticone, of the Archdiocese of Turin.
Most Reverend Adamo Pucci, of the Diocese of Fano.
Most Reverend Saverio Paventi, of the Archdiocese of Benevento.
Most Reverend Pompeo Borgna, of the Diocese of Civita Castellana.
Most Reverend Edoardo Pecoraio, of the Diocese of Montalto.
Mariano Clementi, of the Archdiocese of Fermo.
Most Reverend Tiziano Scalzotto, of the Diocese of Padua.
Tullio Piacentini (Rome).
Most Reverend Giovanni Di Napoli, of the Diocese of Cariati.
Most Reverend Luigi Marconi, of the Archdiocese of Fermo.
Most Reverend Giorgio Sch wieder, of the Diocese of Rieti.
Most Reverend Pietro Tou, of the Diocese of Ohaohsien.
Most Reverend Nicola Ladomerszky, of the Diocese of Presov.
Most Reverend Armando Valori, of the Diocese of San Miniato.
Most Reverend Enrico Pitzky, of the Diocese of Berlin.
Most Reverend Giovanni Schoenhoeffer, of the Diocese of Spires.
Most Reverend Lujo Schorer, of the Diocese of Freiburg im Breisgau.
Most Reverend Angelo Martinelli, of the Diocese of Bergamo.
Most Reverend Giovanni Oglietti, of the Archdiocese of Vercelli.
Most Reverend Luigi Benedetti (Rome).
Most Reverend Attilio Oriani, of the Archdiocese of Milan.
Most Reverend Carlo Canziani, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Paolo Cattorini, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Pietro Sorella, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Riccardo Giolli, of the same Archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Marco Sessa, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Giuseppe Grossi, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Giuseppe Ghiringhelli, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Carlo Maggiolini, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Pasquale Galbiati, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Pietro Baraggia, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Primo Discacciati, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Luigi Vimercati, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Ernesto Basadonna, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mario Colombo, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Erminio Casati, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Arturo Giovenzana, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Angelo Banfi, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Ambrogio Trezzi, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Lorenzo Radaelli, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Luigi Re, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Giacomo Bettoli, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Amadio Armani, of the Diocese of Piacenza.
Most Reverend Edoardo Canepari, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Pietro Cavanna, of the same Diocese.

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Most Reverend Monsignor Fermi Alfonso, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Monsignor Ferrari Luigi, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Monsignor Fumagalli Stefano, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Monsignor Ghizzoni Paolo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Monsignor Longinotti Luigi, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Monsignor Mussi Luigi, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Monsignor Perini Celso, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Monsignor Sanguineti Emanuele, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Monsignor Scala Riccardo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Monsignor Tammi Guy, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Monsignor Veneziani Paolo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Monsignor Findlan Giuseppe, of the diocese of Pittsburgh.
Most Reverend Monsignor Keener Giuseppe, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Monsignor Shinar James, of the same diocese.

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Reverend Father Coyle Paolo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Gearing Daniel, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor McDowell John, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Mammoli Augusto, of the diocese of Todi.

Most Reverend Monsignor Fossombroni Anthony, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Latini James, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Grasselli Francis, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Pericoli Mario, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Aldrighetti Lewis, of the diocese of Verona.

Most Reverend Monsignor Castagna Luigi, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Chiot Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Morangoni Alessandro, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Marini Angelo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Mirandola Igino, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Pezzo Bartholomew, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Piccoli Luigi, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Salvetti Hilary, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Tosi Umberto, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Turrini Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Venturi Emilio, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Cardini Luigi, of the diocese of Arezzo.

Most Reverend Monsignor Puccinelli Mario, of the Archdiocese of Lucca.

Most Reverend Monsignor Vallarne Fausto, of the diocese of Aosta.

Most Reverend Monsignor Nebiolo Giuseppe, of the diocese of Asti.

Most Reverend Monsignor Lanave Giuseppe, of the Archdiocese of Bari.

Most Reverend Monsignor Cavalla Charles, of the diocese of Asti.

Most Reverend Monsignor Pio Vesana Luigi, of the diocese of Treviso.

Most Reverend Monsignor Sartorato Anthony, of the diocese of Padua.

Most Reverend Monsignor Zama Anthony, of the Archdiocese of Naples.

Most Reverend Monsignor D'Ascenzi John, of the diocese of Montefiascone.

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ACTA IOANNIS PP. XXIII

EPISTULA AD VENERABILES FRATRES ORDINARIOS ITALIAE, ARCHIEPISCOPOS ITALICOSQUE, EPISCOPOS CETEROSQUE, ANNO TRICESIMO ITALICUMQUE EXEUNTE ANNO AB OBITU PII PP.

REVOLUTO, GUBERNIUM EX AD QUO CONVENTIONES LATERANUM PACTAE INTER SANCTAM R. ET SEDEM SUNT.

IOANNES PP. XXIII

Venerabili Fratelli, salutem et Apostolicam Benedictionem.

The familiarity of thought and word with the memories of Our most venerated predecessor, Pius XI, is a source of continued solace and grace in the succession of weeks and months, since We assumed the inheritance of his pontifical office. These are reminders, echoes, invitations of an experience of universal paternity, which return to Us daily encouragement and comfort. But beyond the beloved and blessed figure of Pius XI, We spontaneously look back to the other Piuses, who, through the paternal majesty of their ministry, have softened the harshness of human life, fortifying the affirmation of principles that are most important to the spirit, and summarizing them in the recognized preeminence of supernatural goods and the sanctification of souls above all material and temporal pursuits and achievements. Oh! What a happy ascent through the years, from Pius XII to Pius XI, to St. Pius X, to Pius IX, as if on the luminous ladder of Jacob, so rich in wonders and surprises. The call of these days returns more vividly.

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130 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - An Official Commentary on the Pontificate of Pope Pius X, commemorating the twentieth anniversary of his death and the thirtieth anniversary of one of the most notable events in the contemporary history of the Church – namely, the Lateran Treaties – a distinguished achievement of that great spirit, of that man, of that Pope, ever mindful of the beloved land that gave him birth. In the imminent anticipation of his end, his always robust will had summoned around him all the Bishops of Italy, like children around an old father for a final conversation. From the hall of the Consistory in the Vatican, that conversation, according to his intention, was to continue the following day under the vaults of the great Basilica of Saint Peter, which – he said – "smiles at us so nearby." Naturally, in addition to several restrained references to interesting points of pastoral concern, he intended to add – and he wanted to do so "with the greatest consideration" – something more noteworthy on a topic of collective and universal importance, and – these are his own words – "of great importance not only for Italy." Unfortunately, his strength failed him.

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It could be said that that prevailing desire of his to die on the field of active work and without illness, for which he had held in devotion Saint Andrew Avellino, the saint whose image he kept in front of his bed, was fulfilled beyond his expectations. When death approached him, he was still writing the speech, a farewell message to his Bishops of Italy, which they could then relay to the dioceses. Unfortunately, the weary hand stopped, unable to finish it. What remains of that manuscript deserves to be upon the threshold of the truth. Many fantasies have been indulged at times regarding the last signs of a thought and a feeling that could only have been lofty and most noble, for those who know the spiritual superiority of Pope Pius X. But the circumstances of those weeks, not devoid of bitterness for the old Pope, would well explain his expressing himself in phrases and tones of justifiable resentment. For a successor Pope, there are no reservations concerning the mystery of the spirit of one who preceded him in the most grave and most sacred responsibilities. Twenty years after the death of that great man, We can assure you that those "last words" of his contained as much simplicity, and together as much edification and emotion as one could expect from him, in the sense of a fatherhood full of respect.

[*Latin ed. p. 131*]

Acta Ioannis P.P. XXIII, 131, and of affection which will merit the blessing for his successors through the ages. To reveal to you something of that manuscript, it suffices for Us to mention the twofold emphasis which he placed upon the highest responsibilities of the conscience of Bishops concerning Seminaries and the episcopal ministry. Referring to Seminaries, and touching upon the innumerable particulars which present themselves to the mind – especially to minds vigilant and experienced such as yours – he wrote: "piety, studies, spiritual direction and external governance, discipline and hygiene, economy and administration, library and kitchen: the governing body and teachers, the service personnel, and every great and small thing; yes, every great and even every small thing, because daily life is woven from small things, and great things are rare." Thus also concerning teaching – see here the fineness of his insight – "teaching and the example of the great Father who is in Heaven, who governs the worlds and knows the little bird that dies in the forest and the hair that falls from our head."

"Our intent," the manuscript continues, "has been solely, Venerable Brothers in the episcopate, to implore you, as we do with all our heart, to always come to our aid for the greater good of these diocesan and interdiocesan Seminaries, following the directives and concerns of Our, indeed your, Congregation, entirely dedicated to these institutions which belong to you: whether they be diocesan or interdiocesan, especially to those to which the others are subject; therefore, come to our aid, even sometimes with "And give you all a heart to worship him, and to do his

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will with a great heart, and a willing mind," offering the sacrifice of some subject to the particular diocese, thinking that it is for a higher and more vast benefit, as well as a true charity to the Pope; we repeat, come to our aid, following the rigor of the rectors, in admissions and promotions, thinking that upon them rests a special, formidable responsibility, established by particular graces and heavenly aids." And he concluded this passage concerning Seminaries with a familiar recollection of two memories from his youth: of a rector of a Seminary, remarkable and exemplary, but of a rather angular and authoritarian character; of whom, however, the Bishop said: "I always end up approving his judgments for admissions and promotions; only once did I believe I was right: and shortly afterward I had to agree that even that time he was right." And the other memory recalled a response from Monsignor Agostino. 1 Cf. Matt. V, 1, 26; Luke XXI, 18.

[*Latin ed. p. 132*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 132. To Riboldi, his professor of physical sciences, who later became Bishop of Pavia and Cardinal Archbishop of Ravenna, in response to the objection that this rigor in recruitment would soon leave the parishes without priests: "If there is no Holy Mass, the faithful will be dispensed from hearing it." The manuscript then proceeds to another topic of pastoral concern, namely, the episcopal word. It is worthwhile to recount some passages that contain teachings useful for all times: "What we are about to say to you and about you, we must first say 'to Ourselves and about Ourselves.' "You know, most beloved and venerable Brothers, how often 'the word of the Pope' is treated. One is concerned, and not only in Italia, with Our 'Allocutions,' with Our audiences, most often in order to distort them in a 'false sense,' and even, inventing things outright; to make Us say true and incredible absurdities and follies. There is a press that can say anything against Us and against Our things, even recalling and interpreting falsely and perversely the near and distant history of the Church, up to the persistent denial of every persecution in Germania, a denial accompanied by the false and calumnious accusation of politics, just as the persecution of Nero was accompanied by the accusation of the fire of Roma: up to outright irreverences; and it is allowed to be said, while our press cannot even contradict or correct. "You cannot expect that your word will be treated better, even when it is the word of the Holy Pastors divinely constituted, a word preached or written or printed to enlighten, to warn, to save souls. "Pay attention, most beloved Brothers in Christ, and do not forget that there are often observers or informers (call them spies and you will be telling the truth), who, either out of their own zeal or by order received, listen to you in order to denounce you, and, of course, after having understood nothing at all; and it is necessary, on the contrary, to have in their favor (we must remember this, as Our

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Lord had for His crucifiers) the great, supreme excuse of ignorance. "It is far worse when this excuse must give way to the aggravating factor of a foolish presumption on the part of those who believe and say that they know everything, while evidently they do not even know what the Church is, what the Pope is, what a Bishop is, what that bond of faith and charity is that binds us all in love and service to Jesus, our King and Lord. There are, unfortunately, pseudo-Catholics who seem happy when they believe they have discovered a difference, a discrepancy, a...

[*Latin ed. p. 133*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 133 « Indeed, they (that is, Bishops) among themselves, and even more so, between a Bishop and the Pope. We know that there are many, and indeed numerous, good and consoling (exceptions: excellent individuals who know how to harmoniously and nobly reconcile their personal desires with their faith and Catholic profession, to the great advantage of religion, souls, consciences, especially those of the young, and thus of the nation. We would like to know them all personally, as many of you have pointed out, in order to thank and bless them all, one by one. » It is upon these words, imbued with such gentle paternal affection, that the manuscript of the dying Pope fades into confused and trembling lines. The reason for which he wrote this returns at this point, namely, the tenth anniversary of the reconciliation established by the Lateran Treaty: he would certainly have prolonged it further in preparation for tomorrow's ceremony in St. Peter's; but the next day, his body lay lifeless in the Sistine Chapel, his erect face turned towards the vault, as if a part of Michelangelo had painted it for him, as an image of the triumphant welcome that awaited him, deservedly, in the celestial regions after such a glorious pontificate. On the weary manuscript, a few words remain, almost as an expression of the last longing of that magnanimous spirit, and which summarize not everything that he would have wished to say more fully, but which he barely managed to formulate, and which remains as the first note of an immortal hymn. He began the writing of his document with the words of the Apostle: "Be ye thankful." And the gratitude was to be directed to the Lord who had given to Italy this great benefit of the reconciliation of the Church with the State. His hand paused on the very words, "novissima verba" (last words), which, as they can be read on the manuscript, marked the final notes of an invocation that, when heard now, will make the heart of every good Catholic and every good Italian beat with emotion and tenderness. It could not have been offered on a more solemn altar than that of St. Peter's: as a renewal and re-consecration of a fact that affirmed for Italy the blessed alliance of the Church and the State. Oh! What words, what words of exultation and peace: "On the venerable and glorious mantle and on the sacred memories of the Apostles..." Colossians III, 15: "And let the peace of Christ rejoice in your hearts, wherein also you are called in one

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body."

[*Latin ed. p. 134*]

134 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary: (Regarding the garments of the Lord which first brought the Gospel to Rome, and there founded the universal Church, we can say not merely the rejoicing of humbled bones, but of glorified bones. And we repeat it with all our heart: with the emphasis of prayer. Yes: rejoice, glorious bones of the Princes of the Apostles, disciples and friends of Christ, who honored and sanctified this blessed Italy with your presence, with your work, with the purple of your most noble blood. Rejoice on this memorable day which recalls God given back to Italy and Italy given back to God, an excellent omen of a more luminous future. In the smile of such an omen, you also prophesy, sacred and glorious bones, as those of the ancient Joseph. Prophesy of the perseverance of this Italy in the Faith which you preached and sealed with your blood. Holy bones, prophesy a complete and steadfast perseverance against all the shocks and all the snares that threaten and combat it from afar and from near. Prophesy prosperity, honor, above all, the honor of a people conscious of its human and Christian dignity and responsibility. Prophesy, venerated and beloved bones, the coming or return to the religion of Christ to all peoples, to all nations, to all tribes, united all and made related by the common bond of the great human family. Finally, apostolic bones, prophesy peace, peace, peace to this whole world, which, although seemingly consumed by a murderous and suicidal madness of weapons, desires peace at all costs, and with us, implores it from the God of peace and trusts in having it." With this final quotation, venerable and most beloved brothers in the Episcopate, the mysterious secret of the discourse of Pius XI on the tenth anniversary of the Lateran Treaties is revealed. And you can well ascertain whether there is anything in it that is less appropriate for someone, or less corresponding to the pontifical dignity, or to the noble and serene aspirations of a great heart of pastor and father. One of the dearest satisfactions of life, in every time and circumstance, is "gaudium de veritate": and St. Augustine warns us that truth is the "cibus animae." This tribute paid to the truth on an episode so interesting for the religious history and for the civil life of Catholic Italy, is meant for all, clergy and laity, as an encouragement to continue on the good path, so that "we may pass through the temporal goods so that we do not lose the eternal." Thus, the protection of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, thus the facts...

[*Latin ed. p. 135*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, page 135, and the illustrious examples of the Popes who preceded Us, may serve as a guide and inspiration for right thinking and virtuous action. "In the light of the brilliant miracles of

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Lourdes," the Holy Father Pius XI began his final document. In this same light, We hope that the great event of thirty years ago will continue to be a harbinger of prosperity and peace; and as a sign of particular favor, We impart the Apostolic Blessing to all of you, venerable Brothers, to the faithful entrusted to your care, and to the beloved Italy. From the Vatican, on February 6, 1959, in the first year of Our Pontificate.

IOANNES PP. XXIII

ALLOCUTIONES I

Given in the Patriarchal Basilica of Saint Mary Major, to conclude the centennial celebrations concerning the wondrous appearances of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Immaculate, in the grotto of Lourdes.

Venerable brothers, beloved children,

It was one year ago that We inaugurated, in the basilica of Saint Mark in Venice, the centennial celebration of the Apparitions of Lourdes. The same rite was performed then in all the principal churches of the world: for the devotion to Mary Immaculate, who appeared repeatedly in the grotto of Massabielle, in the Pyrenees, had penetrated the hearts of believers in Jesus Christ throughout the world. This also occurred in Rome, where for a long time, this title of Lourdes, now familiar, is found in churches, chapels, and altars.

Now, after one year, Divine Providence has arranged that, as the centennial draws to a close, this humble person be transferred from the shores of the Venetian Lagoon to this more sacred Esquiline Hill of the City, to gather, through the sentiments of a believing and pious people, who, as a result of paternal care, have become particularly Our beloved flock, Our people, to gather—let us say—from here, at Saint Mary Major, the centuries-old hymn.

February 15, 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 136*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See – Official Commentary 136, elevated to the Madonna of Lourdes, with fervent devotion from all the churches of the Catholic world, all equally imbued with Marian piety. Between these two extremes, Venice and Rome, there was added the providential arrangement, which drew from the Vatican dignity and authority, as the inspiration for a heavenly message, the commitment then entrusted to us to go to Lourdes to inaugurate a vast and singular temple there, dedicated to the Mother of God, under the auspices of the Supreme Pontiff, our Saint Pius X, the most celebrated and invoked of modern times. That event of March 24-25, the consecration of the subterranean basilica of Lourdes, left

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in us a very profound impression, the memory of which will forever be a sweetness and delight to our soul. After what occurred to us during the year, and particularly at the end of October, that is, the elevation of our humble person to the responsibilities of the Supreme Pontificate, it seemed to us that in all the ceremonies to which we had the honor and joy of presiding, not only in Lourdes and in our Venice, but in many other beloved cities of Italy, there was a sign of Providence announcing its ineffable mysteries. Oh! The spectacle of the immense crowd of Lourdes, which joined our voice in giving thanks, with a strong and penetrating intonation, as it recalled the relationship between the new construction, which is a marvel of modern technology, and the ancient basilica of the Esquiline, almost called to synthesize the beauty of all the temples dedicated to the Mother of Jesus, equally proclaiming, this one in Rome and the new one in Lourdes, *Domus Papae*, *Domus Mariae*. The Pope Liberius, on the Esquiline: near the Grotto of Massabielle, the Pope Pius, Pontiff and Saint. It is in this association of images, of times, of circumstances that we find a first point of significance, for the common edification. The worship of adoration of Jesus the Savior is always at the center of every form of devotion to His blessed Mother. It is for Mary that one goes to Jesus. And it is in the light of the Successor of Saint Peter, called the Vicar of Christ on earth, that the worship of Mary draws inspiration and grandeur. In the fourth century, it was the temple of Pope Liberius that rose in its progressive splendor on the Esquiline; in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, it is the succession of the three basilicas of Lourdes, the first so called properly, then the Rosary, and now the very extensive one that we had the honor of dedicating to Saint Pius X, all celebrating the name and the hope of the Popes, who...

[*Latin ed. p. 137*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 137, encouraged and instructed the faithful flock to invoke Mary through the joys and sorrows, the happiness and tears of our contemporary era. Oh! The great encounters in the history of faith and the love of the human race for Christ Jesus, marked by grand, monumental manifestations that began on this Esquiline Hill, and, traversing the centuries, invite us to enter the subterranean basilica of Lourdes, the most modern testament to the fundamental principle of the Christian dogma. The love of Christ is the love of Mary. He is the Divine Savior. Mary is His Mother, and, in the light of Redemption, she is our universal Mother. The sigh of every good Christian is truly contained in this: from the first words of the child to the last longing of the dying old man: *Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis!* A second thought, which occupies Our heart, and the heart of all the Christian people in this circumstance, is the call to the practical direction of the lives of individuals and crowds, which comes from the testimony of the young girl, daughter of the miller Soubiroùs: namely, the call to confident and humble prayer, to the practice of penance,

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and to solid and steadfast piety, manifested in the form of pilgrimages from all points of the earth, to venerate *ubi steterunt pedes eius*, the traces of the passage of the Mother, benign and pious among her children. It is a sojourn at Lourdes, as is the case in the thousands of sanctuaries throughout the earth, not as a mere pleasant diversion, and to satisfy a vague and uncertain religiosity, but as a call to eternal truths, to the purification of the soul from sin and from every other imperfection, and especially to an appreciation of the mystery and the Eucharistic communion. The invitation of the Apparition to Bernardette to scrape the earth with her own hands and to make the miraculous water flow from it, to eat the bitter herb—oh! how compassionately the so-called "free spirits" smiled when they heard these things—; the invitation to promote the construction of the chapel; to accept the destiny of her life, not for happiness here below, but for the assurance of heavenly glory and joy; this invitation constitutes the precious deposit of doctrine and grace reserved for the practice of the Christian life of each individual, invited to come out of darkness into the light. In this simple recollection of what constitutes the essence of the communications of Lourdes, lies the most precious fruit of the centennial celebrations. Having said this, we continue the exercise of our devotion.

[*Latin ed. p. 138*]

One hundred and thirty-eight good Christians, perfectly Catholic in their devotion to the most Holy Mother of God, whose mission, from Bethlehem to Calvary, was to show forth Jesus, and to follow in His footsteps, and to remain associated with His apostles and disciples of all times and all places, are concerned with the grave and solemn task of universal evangelization, rightly, in the mysterious sense of the Gospel, to the poor and to the forgiveness of sinners: *evangelizare pauperibus; sanare contritos corde*. From Mary, we also ask for her intercession with her Son Jesus, for the graces of a temporal and earthly nature, because everything serves and everything is needed for this our human life. But we must not begin with these petitions, nor should we stop at them. The goals of our journey are higher and further away, and the search for the means to achieve them is of a different order than the simple satisfaction of what touches us closely, but which should not occupy all of our time and all of our heart. Venerable brothers, beloved sons! Having arrived at this point in our discourse, allow us to express to you once again a thought with great paternal confidence. The natural inclination of your new Pope to expound the doctrine with calmness and simplicity, rather than to emphasize, with forceful strokes, points of disagreement and negative aspects of thought and action, does not dissuade him nor does it diminish his sense of his tremendous pastoral responsibilities, to the point of not considering it appropriate to address this or that characteristic of Catholic doctrine, which is certainly not intended to please the listeners. Whoever,

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at any time, is entrusted with the direction of souls, of the family, and of religious, civil, and social society, feels the imperative duty to oppose the ruin that the three concupiscences threaten to bring about to the detriment of man: and the duty to recall those old words, which sound less pleasant to some: words of invitation to discipline and penance. It is through discipline and penance that, in fact, the increase of social well-being is provided for and peace is ensured. This, and nothing else, is the reality; without discipline, there is no man: without penance, there is no Christian. At Lourdes, this call was expressed in high and clear tones by the lips of the young visionary, who transmitted it to the entire world, and this will continue to be spoken of for the instruction, admonition, and beneficial profit of the spirit of all of us and of each one in particular.

[*Latin ed. p. 139*]

My beloved children, just as in other times of history, clouds gathered on the horizon, causing anxiety among souls, families, and peoples, so now, we live in anguish and fear: especially among those who, unfortunately, have neither faith nor hope. Many try to numb themselves and forget. But the reality is before the eyes of all, and this accumulation of moral disorders, and these puerile and sacrilegious efforts to oppose divine sovereignty, the holy law of the Decalogue and the Gospel, is something deplorable: just as the dismay grows before the daily and unconcerned counterfeiting of truth, freedom, and justice through the sometimes nefarious organs of public opinion.

What can the just one do? The just one must supplicate again and again, without ever ceasing, that good judgment may return; that faith may be renewed; that perseverance may never fail. O Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, to whom it pleased our fathers and us to turn, always propitious under whatever title: O Immaculate Virgin, we thank you and rejoice in the acts of homage and love that during this centennial year of your Apparitions, you inspired us and helped us to accomplish. We will continue to salute you, O Mary, with our most beloved and blessed titles, as our ancestors invoked you here in the Liberian Basilica, under these radiant arches of the memories of your cult and your divine motherhood. In this illustrious temple, all call you: Health of the Roman people: *Salus populi Romani*. Be still, O Mother, be still, O our Queen.

At the end of the First World War, Our Predecessor Benedict XV of blessed memory, wished to add, to the ancient image of your altar, a statue of white marble, depicting the Divine Infant offering the olive branch of peace with his hand: and thus, He arranged that you be called and invoked, Queen of Peace. We join the two titles, O Mother blessed by Jesus, O our most sweet Mother: O Mary, Health of the Roman people, pray for us. O Mary, Queen of Peace, preserve your people from every snare of the evil one and from every war; ensure peace for this your Rome,

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the beloved Italy, the nations of the entire world, your holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. So be it.

1 Psalm 10.

[*Latin ed. p. 140*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Commentary 140 Official II, which it held in the Church. 8. King Lewis of France, when he first visited it, in the presence of the Most Reverend Cardinals, Prelates, and distinguished men of the Gallic nation.

Venerable Brothers, beloved Sons, the voice of the Pope, humble servant of the servants of God, was heard this morning throughout France, and also in all places on earth. It was a thanksgiving to the Lord for the immense gift of heavenly graces bestowed upon the world during the centenary of the Apparitions of Lourdes. In Rome, this voice already resounded last Sunday under the vaults of the Basilica Liberia, dedicated to the Mother of the Lord, who is invoked there under the double title of "Salvation of the Roman People" and – by the initiative of the blessed memory of Benedict XV – "Queen of Peace." At the close of this day, when the liturgical reasons of the season of Lent have caused the official celebration of this glorious anniversary to be transferred to France and to all churches of the Catholic world, We are therefore present in person among you, happy to have accepted your kind invitation. And We repeat to you, as an echo, the same words of thanksgiving for the particular joy of the sons of France, who happily perpetuate the presence of their noble nation in Rome throughout the centuries. Centuries of unwavering religious and Catholic faith: from the time when the first church dedicated to the Holy Virgin was erected in these places – which the Benedictines of Farfa filled with their melodious and peaceful chants – to the progressive artistic and decorative transformations, the culmination of which was the construction of this church dedicated to Saint Louis IX: a testament to the fervor and generosity of the French people during the times of Sixtus IV and Sixtus V. And since then, how many diverse manifestations of piety, culture, and art, which continue the beautiful tradition of their ancestors, and which are for the Romans an object of respectful and cordial admiration! This visit that We are making to your national church, which also evokes in Our heart the sweet and dear memories of the eight years of...

[*Latin ed. p. 141*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, 141. Our sojourn in Paris, in service to the Holy See, is, We know, a cause of joy for you. But an even greater cause of rejoicing for the entire world was the repeated, eighteen times, visitation of Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our own, to her children on this earth, which is a garden of delights for the eyes, but for all, alas, the valley of tears of poor mortals, groaning and lamenting throughout the ages of human history.

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These remarkable Apparitions of Mary, in the midst of the nineteenth century, remain a particular title of honor for France, a blessed land of saints and heroes, where the history of Christianity has inscribed glorious and unforgettable pages. In the order of Providence, each nation has a mission, and sometimes a single motto suffices to define it. Indeed, when one says: "The Kingdom of France, the Kingdom of Mary," one perfectly expresses the testimony of honor and love of the sons and numerous descendants of Clovis. Certainly, the spiritual movement towards the Grotto of Lourdes in the land of France, determined by the Apparitions of the Immaculate [Conception] – and which, far from weakening, seems destined to grow even more in an edifying crescendo – is a manifestation of religious fervor; it is also, for the entire world, a gentle and insistent reminder addressed to deeply Christian consciences, as well as to those less fervent: it is the reminder of a mysterious design of Providence, which should awaken individual and collective responsibilities in the face of the great problems of life and death, for all and each, in the present and in the future. Allow Us to reiterate on this point some thoughts from Our Radio message this morning, broadcast from Rome to the entire world. The centenary year of the Apparitions of Lourdes concludes on this date, February 18th, which the liturgy of today dedicates to the cult of the visionary of Massabielle, Saint Mary Bernard, the daughter of the miller Soubirous. She, and she alone, heard the confidences of Mary, and she transmitted them to the world. And the world – this is the great miracle of a moral order – believed in them, and continues to believe in them. How admirable, in Bernadette, the perfect conformity to the doctrine that the celestial Lady had made her custodian! And how luminous is the example of this sanctity that opened to such a small and humble child the path to the heavens, in the afterlife, and assured her forever on earth, the glory of the altars and the veneration of all the people.

[*Latin ed. p. 142*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 142 Christian! What doctrine! What example! What encouragement for us! "For God hath chosen the weak things of this world, that he may confound the mighty; and the base things, and the contemptible, and such as are not, that he may bring to nought such as are."* "Model of prayer to Mary," We said in Our message this morning, "example of humble and smiling strength, eloquent even in the silence in which she enveloped herself once her mission was fulfilled, Saint Bernadette irresistibly draws us back to that true spiritual center of Lourdes, the grotto of the apparitions, where the words of the Mother of God ceaselessly resound in the hearts of her children. And at the same time, the visionary who had the courage to leave forever that place of the ineffable encounter reminds us that Lourdes is only a starting point: the grace received there is a treasure that, far from being buried sterilely,

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must be made to bear fruit for the glory of God and the service of the Church." "Dear sons," We added, "Our century, as you know, witnesses admirable scientific progress, and humanity is as if seized by a tremor of pride before the unsuspected possibilities that are offered to it. And behold—in contrast—an appeal to humility and prayer is transmitted to us from Lourdes by Bernadette: without fear, We address it with force to all those who today run the grave risk of being blinded by this power of man to the point of losing the sense of true religious values. From Lourdes, another appeal to penance and charity reaches us, to detach us from riches and to teach us to share them with those who are poorer than us: and We also take it upon Ourselves, at this time when millions of men are becoming aware—sometimes alas in revolt—of the scandalous contrast between the well-being of some and the vital insufficiency of others." Dear sons, We like to conclude this simple and brief conversation—in such a solemn circumstance destined to mark a date in the history of the Church of Saint Louis of the French—with the reminder of a memory that, We believe, will not displease you. During the recent election of Our humble person to the grave responsibilities of the Supreme Pontificate, the Most Eminent Cardinal Dean of the Sacred College, Our very dear Brother Eugène Tisserant, illustrious... 1 Corinthians 1:27-28.

[*Latin ed. p. 143*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, page 143, representing and being a distinguished glory of Christian France, asked what name We wished to take in the succession of the Roman Pontiffs. We replied: John, adding a few words to explain the meaning of this choice. The name John, eminently sacred and apostolic, united Us to the person of Jesus, the divine Founder and Head of the Holy Church. But it was not foreign to Our thoughts; indeed, it was pleasing to Us to feel united, through six centuries of history, to the last of the many Pontiffs of that name, John XXII, Jacques Duèse de Cahors, Bishop of Avignon, who governed the Church for 18 years and died at an age of more than ninety in 1334. He was a great Pontiff. His life was full of tribulations, but rich in works and merits in every respect: a true Servant of the Servants of the Lord. Among other things, he had the honor of canonizing Saint Thomas of Aquin. Above all, he was very devoted to Mary. It is to him that history attributes the happy idea of having recited a Pater and an Ave at the ringing of the evening bell; and to him also the authorship of the "privilege of Saturday," so precious and so dear to those who wear the scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Dear sons! Everything that reminds Us of France touches Us deeply. The sons know how to read the hearts of those who love them, without, however, diminishing the importance of him who, as father in Christ and pastor, belongs to the universal Church, mother of all nations. And We wish to add this: Pope John XXII accompanied his name with his personal motto:

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Dominus mihi adjutor, the Lord is my help. Dear sons! These first months of the great service that the pontifical ministry has imposed upon Us have opened before Our eyes a great vision: a vision of good pastoral work for the benefit of the diocese of Rome, of which the Pope is the Bishop as the successor of Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles, and for the benefit of the universal Church, of which his authority is the foundation. Please intercede through your prayers with the Mother of Jesus, Our Mother, so that this help of the Lord may not fail Us along the way. In Our youth, We had before Our eyes the example of pastoral activity of a great Cardinal who had placed in his arms the remembrance of Mary Immaculate with the words: *Tu fortitudo mea*. Nothing is more desirable for Our humble efforts. O Jesus, *Tu mihi adjutor*, as Our distant Predecessor John invoked You. O Immaculate Mary, *Tu fortitudo mea*. Amen.

[*Latin ed. p. 144*]

144 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale. NUNTIUS RADIOPHONICUS UNIVERSIS CHRISTIFIDELIBUS, DIE XVIII FEBRUARII ANNO MCMLIX, QUO SACRA SAECULARIA SOLLEMNIA, AD COMMEMORANDUM MIRABILE VISUM B. MARIAE VIRG. IN LAPURDENSI SPECU INDICTA, TERMINATA SUNT.

My most beloved sons, on this solemnity marking the close of the centenary of the Apparitions of the Immaculate Virgin at Lourdes, I feel, above all, the duty to thank the Lord for the countless graces which He deigned to bestow upon this venerated sanctuary, which I have had the joy of visiting so often in the past. This jubilee year was a year of uninterrupted prayer before the grotto of Massabielle, which has now been happily restored to its original simplicity. It was a year of more numerous and more fervent pilgrimages, which, in my eyes, by reason of the vastness of the religious manifestations that took place there, remain a source of great hope. Indeed, thousands of Christians of all conditions and of all races came to Lourdes, united by the same faith and the same love for their Mother of Heaven. Were they not there as representatives of the immense Catholic family and as witnesses of a human community that strives to be fraternal and peaceful? Blessed be Our Lady, who, by drawing us to her sanctuary in the Pyrenees, has offered to the world this astonishing spectacle of universality and charity! And if, beyond the public manifestations, I recall the silent work of grace, my gratitude increases even more. How many darkened minds received light at Lourdes, how many lukewarm or hardened hearts received the fervor of returning to God, how many wavering wills received the strength of perseverance! In the silence of a mute prayer or amidst the acclamations of the Eucharist and of Mary, generous souls found the joy of a more complete self-offering; the sick received, if not always healing, at least resignation and serenity in the offering of their sufferings, while the dying learned to make the sacrifice of their lives in peace. How beautiful in

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the sight of God is this secret history, engraved only in hearts: the history of the victories of God "who has delivered us from the power of darkness."

[*Latin ed. p. 145*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 145, "ut nos transferet ex tenebris in regnum Filii sui dilectissimi, in quo habemus redemptionem, remissionemque peccatorum." Verum est, "misericordias Domini in aeternum cantabo," 2 Ps. 88, 13-14, quia per manus divinae eius Matris, Dominus prodigavit misericordias suas in hac civitate orationis, conversionis et miraculi. Gratiam nostram offerimus etiam omnibus qui, durante hoc anno mariano, fuerunt bona instrumenta Providentiae: primum, carissimo Episcopo Tarbensis et Lurdensis, cuius zelum et fides sunt causa tam multi initiorum felicum, et cuius verba, eloquentes et supernaturales, numquam cessant iterare ad peregrinos benignitates matutinas et magnitudines Mariae; eius Coadjutori, qui etiam amatus et probatus est pro devotione sua activa, benignitate sua risu, et pro parte quae cepit in ordinatione peregrinationum; et circum illos, volumus nominare omnes collaboratores eorum, per quos novum templum apertum est turbae orantium, civitas caritatis facta est accipiens pro pauperibus, et auxilia spiritualia sacramentorum largiter offerta sunt omnibus fidelibus. Etiam in Roma, Venerabilis Frater noster, Cardinalis Eugenius Tisserant, Decanus Sacri Collegii, de quo tam vive sentimus, presedit cum authoritate activitatibus Committatis internationalis constituti ad Centenum Lurdensis, et placuit Veneratissimo Praedecessori nostro eum eligere ut Legatum suum a latere in sollemnitatibus grandiosis Congressus Mariai Internationalis. Ipsi, et sacerdotibus qui tam generose se dediderunt in contextu Committatis Internationalis ad successum Anni Mariae, hic gratias nostras calidas offerimus.

Haec verba recognitionis, potuimusne umquam cogitare, cum huius Iubilaei aperiebatur, ut divina Providentia nobis reservaret consolationem eas hodie pronuntiare nomine totius Christianitatis? Potuimusne praevidere, die 25 Martii ultimo, cum privilegium habuimus basilicae subterraneae S. Pii X, — cum lineis architectonicis tam novis, — consecrare, et gaudium in oratione nostra, glorias mariales Galliae evocare? Et cum, eodem die, sanctam memoriam Pontificis qui fuit Praedecessor noster in sede patriarchali Venetiae celebraveramus, non potuimus amplius imaginari.

[*Latin ed. p. 146*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 146. We were about to succeed him also on the Apostolic See of Rome. Most beloved sons, We give thanks to God for having thus spared us, shortly before We were brought to that formidable summit of the Supreme Pontificate, this time of prayer near Our Lady, and for having permitted us, as Elijah ascending to Phoreb, to draw there abundantly the graces of strength and peace, of

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which We would so greatly need in the future. But did this pilgrimage which We were then undertaking not, unbeknownst to us, have an even deeper meaning? You remember indeed how, by a providentially arranged circumstance, Pope Pius XI of illustrious memory entrusted to Cardinal Pacelli, his Secretary of State, numerous missions abroad, which were, in a certain way, a presentation to the world of his most worthy successor. Do We not also have the right today to recognize, in the benevolent authorization that Pius XI granted Us to preside over one of the most solemn anniversaries of this Jubilee, a mysterious indication of the designs of Providence, which was preparing us for the sweet task of, one day soon, continuing the apostolic work realized by Our Predecessor at Lourdes? In any case, — We cannot forget it, — the principal merit of this Marian Year which is drawing to a close belongs to Pope Pius XI. It was he who wished to give this Jubilee an exceptional splendor, and, in his ardent piety, he hoped for great spiritual benefits for humanity. Several years prior, he had already joyfully foreseen the centenary of these apparitions, and, as early as 1957, an Encyclical Letter and an Apostolic Constitution recalled the historical ties between the Papacy and the Pyrenean sanctuary, clarified the intentions of the Jubilee, and invited Catholics to a double effort of individual conversion and of Christian restoration of society. Beginning on February 11, 1958, the Pope multiplied his exhortations to the pilgrims of Lourdes, and less than a month before his death, in a moving radio message, he glorified one last time the Immaculate Virgin of Massabielle and renewed his love for beloved France, which has the honor of possessing such a sanctuary. Soon, this paternal voice was to be silenced, and God recalled to Himself, in the year dedicated to His most holy Mother, this great servant of Mary, whose pontificate will forever be marked by the solemn acts of Marian worship that were inspired by his profound devotion and his high wisdom. We make Our Own today, most beloved sons, these appeals and these teachings of Our Predecessor. As he did, We desire to—

[*Latin ed. p. 147*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 147, state that Christendom is renewed in a unanimous surge of Marian piety, for she, understood according to the doctrine of the Church, can only more surely and more quickly lead souls to Jesus Christ, our one and divine Savior. Following the Pontiffs who, for a century, have urged Catholics to heed the message of Lourdes, We implore you to listen with simplicity of heart and rectitude of mind to the salutary – and ever timely – warnings of the Mother of God. Let no one be surprised to hear the Roman Pontiffs insist on this great spiritual lesson transmitted by the child of Massabielle. For, being constituted guardians and interpreters of the divine Revelation, contained in the Holy Scriptures and Tradition, they also consider it their duty to bring to the attention of

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the faithful – when, after careful consideration, they deem it opportune for the common good – the supernatural lights that it pleases God freely to bestow upon certain privileged souls, not to propose new doctrines, but to guide our conduct: "not to elicit a new doctrine of faith, but to direct the actions of men." This is certainly the case with the apparitions of Lourdes, upon which excellent historical works have recently shed a decisive light.

III. We have deliberately chosen, for this closing solemnity, the feast of Saint Bernadette, on the anniversary of the third apparition, when she heard Mary promise her, "not to be happy in this world, but in the other." And addressing the pilgrims of Massabielle, gathered around numerous religious and civil dignitaries whom it is pleasing to us to greet here, and also addressing all those who, through the airwaves, will receive this message, We wish to offer them the example of this child, poor and unknown to the world, but favored by God and who became the messenger of His blessings. "God hath chosen the weak things of the world, that he may confound the mighty; and God hath chosen the things that are contemptible, and the things that are not, to the end that no flesh should glory in his sight."

Model of prayer to Mary, example of humble and smiling strength, eloquent even in the silence in which she enveloped herself.

[*Latin ed. p. 148*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See – Official Commentary. One hundred and forty-eight times, Saint Bernadette fulfilled her mission, and she leads us irresistibly to that true spiritual center of Lourdes, the grotto of the apparitions, where the words of the Mother of God ceaselessly resound in the hearts of her children. And at the same time, the visionary who had the courage to leave forever that place of the ineffable encounter reminds us that Lourdes is only a starting point: the grace received there is a treasure that, far from being buried uselessly, must be made to bear fruit for the glory of God and the service of the Church. Dear sons, you know that our century witnesses admirable scientific progress, and humanity is as if seized by a tremor of pride before the unsuspected possibilities that are offered to it. And behold – in contrast – from Lourdes, an appeal to humility and prayer is transmitted to us by Bernadette: without fear, We address it forcefully to all those who today run the grave risk of being blinded by this power of man to the point of losing the sense of true religious values. "What does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, and suffers the loss of his soul?" From Lourdes, it is also an appeal to penance and charity that reaches us, to detach us from riches and to teach us to share them with those who are poorer than ourselves: and We also claim it for Ourselves, at this time when millions of men become aware – sometimes alas in revolt – of the scandalous contrast between the well-being of some and the vital insufficiency of others. Therefore, pray to God with confidence, dear

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sons who hear Me, and continue with courage to effect, in yourselves and around you, the necessary corrections requested by Our Lady. May Saint Mary-Bernadette, from her sanctuary in the Nivernais region, where her precious reliquary is constantly visited with piety, watch over the Marian pilgrimage, now centuries old, of which she was the provident instrument, from which we have already received so many benefits, and from which we still expect so many graces for France, for the Church, for the world! Upon the beloved Pyrenean city, of which We keep so faithfully the memory, upon the countless pilgrims who frequent its sanctuary and learn there the ways that lead to God, upon the priests who dedicate themselves there to the service of souls, and first of all upon the Bishop of Tarbes and Lourdes and his Coadjutor, We invoke with all Our heart a great outpouring of grace. And We grant you, dear sons, Our paternal Apostolic Blessing as a pledge. Mt. 16:26.

[*Latin ed. p. 152*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Commentary 152. Official ACTS OF POPE PIUS XII. APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTION I. SEULENSIS (CHEONGIUENSIS - DAIIEONENSIS). B. CONCERNING CERTAIN CIVIL PROVINCES DETACHED FROM THE APOSTOLIC VICARIATE OF SEOUL, WHICH ARE TO BE DIVIDED INTO TWO APOSTOLIC VICARIATES, TO BE CALLED ((CHEONGIUENSIS)) AND "DAIIEONENSIS." PIUS, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, for the perpetual memory of this matter, with the prompting of the Holy Spirit, and with the counsel of our Venerable Brothers, the Most Reverend Cardinals, Prefect of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, and others, having considered the division of the territory of the Apostolic Vicariate of Seoul, and understanding that the creation of certain new Vicariates therein would be helpful to the sacred propagation of the Gospel among the people of that region; We, to whom it is the highest duty to care for the Catholic family, benignly decide to accede to the request made. After having heard the Most Reverend Brother Thomas Quinlan, Bishop in the titular See of Furnitan, and formerly the Apostolic Delegate in Korea; and furthermore, having fully approved that the Most Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith has decreed concerning this matter, having previously granted us the necessary faculties, and supplementing the consent of those who have some right in this matter, We, exercising Our supreme authority, decree and order the following: We separate from the Apostolic Vicariate of Seoul those civil provinces which are commonly called ChungChong Nam Do; and from these territories, We establish two Vicariates: one of which, to be entrusted to the members of the Society of Maryknoll for the purpose of foreign missions, shall be called Cheongiuensis, from the principal city of Cheong-ju; and the other, from the city of Daijeon, shall be called Daiieonensis, and shall be entrusted to

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the care of priests of the Society of Paris for missions to foreign lands. We wish that these Vicariates and their Vicars enjoy the same rights, honors, and privileges as others are entitled to; Vicars.

[*Latin ed. p. 153*]

The acts of Pope Pius XII, page 153, state that they are also subject to the same burdens and obligations that are customary for such ecclesiastical dignitaries. We finally decree that this Our mandate be carried out by the Most Excellent Sir Eganus Righi Lambertini, the Apostolic Delegate in Korea, or by whoever, at the time when this must be done, presides over that Delegation. For this purpose, We grant all powers to him, which he may, if he deems it appropriate, delegate to any other person of established ecclesiastical dignity. Whoever completes this task will have the responsibility of preparing the documents and sending them promptly to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, with faithful copies. We will and desire that these documents be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those for whom these pertain will religiously observe what has been decreed through them, and thus obtain their full force. No prescriptions of any kind can impede the effectiveness of these documents, since through these documents We repeal all others. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, no one is permitted to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the same faith shall be given to copies of these documents, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person of established ecclesiastical dignity, and which have been signed by a public notary, as would be given to these documents if they were presented. Let anyone who, in general, disregards or in any way rejects Our decrees know that they will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the third day of June, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, the twentieth year of Our pontificate.

CELSUS
Card.

COSTANTINI PETRUS

Card.

FUMASONI BIONDI

8. B. E.
Cancellarius
8. Congr. de Propaganda Fide

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Praefectus
Hamletus Tondini
Apostolic Cancellariam
Begens
Albertus Serafini,
Prot. Apost.
Caesar Federici,
Prot. Apost.
Loco Cß Plumbi
In Cane.
Ap. tab., vol. XCVIII, n.

[*Latin ed. p. 154*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 154 II

SINUS ALBI: IN THE METROPOLITAN CHURCH, A COLLEGE OF CANONS IS ESTABLISHED.

PIUS, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD,

FOR THE EVERLASTING REMEMBRANCE:

Since it is clear that the external and visible glory of God, whose glory and majesty are celebrated by the order of the stars or the beauty of the earth, can also be increased through the splendor of temples and ceremonies, therefore, We willingly grant that such gatherings of men be established in cathedral churches, whose excellence is accomplished through greater religion and sacred dignity.

Therefore, since the venerable Prater Geminianus Esorto, Archbishop of Sinus Albi, earnestly requested from this Apostolic See, according to the Apostolic Letters "Quandoquidem adoranda," dated the tenth day of the month of February, of the past year, that a College of Canons be established in his metropolitan church, and since the Sacred Congregation Consistorial, having considered the powers previously granted by Us, deemed it fitting to grant this request, We, having heard the opinion of the venerable Brother Marii Zanin, Archbishop with the title of Traianopolitan in Rhodope, and also Apostolic Nuncio in the Republic of Argentina, and with the consent of those who have some right in this matter, by Our supreme and apostolic authority, We decree and order the following:

In the metropolitan church of Sinus Albi, We establish a College of Canons, which shall consist of four Dignities, that is to say: a Dean, an Archdeacon, a Master, and an Archpriest, and six Canons, of whom one shall serve as a theologian, and another as a Penitentiary, as they say.

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Furthermore, four mansionaries, or chaplains of the choir, and a secretary and administrator may also be chosen. Two of these shall receive stipends from the civil authority of the Republic of Argentina.

The assignment of the Dignities shall be made solely by the Apostolic See; the other Canonicates and benefices shall be within the power of the Ordinary Archbishop.

Since it is fitting that those who constitute the council and senate of their own Prelate should also adorn themselves with their own insignia, We permit the Dignities and Canons, within the limits of the diocese, to wear the habit which is called the "Pian," namely: a violet subcollar, a black cassock with a purple silk band and purple ocelli, a purple silk sash with fringes of the same color, and violet shoes.

The choir vestments shall be: a red rochet with a turned-down cuff on the sleeves, covered with a net, a red woolen mozzetta, without a hood, with a lighter red lining, or, according to the time of year, a...

[*Latin ed. p. 155*]

Acta of Pope Pius XII, page 155: Regarding the attire, a cape with white fur and a black biretta adorned with a violet tassel. Furthermore, since Canons are often required to perform other ecclesiastical duties, we permit that, insofar as it cannot be otherwise, the proper duties of the Canons be performed only on more solemn days, as defined by the Constitutions or laws of the College. As for the rights, honors, privileges, duties, and other matters pertaining to the Metropolitan College, all of these shall be governed by Canon Law. Therefore, when Canons are excused, the diocesan Consultors shall likewise cease from their duties. Furthermore, the venerable Brother Marius Zanin shall carry out what we have commanded, to whom we grant all power that he may be able to delegate, if he deems it fitting, to any distinguished priest. Once the matter is completed, he shall endeavor to draw up the documents, and those documents shall be promptly sent to the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory with faithful copies. If, at that time, another presides over the same Apostolic Nunciature, he shall carry out our mandates and orders. We intend these Letters to be effective now and in the future, so that those for whom these decrees are intended will observe them religiously, and thus obtain their full effect. No prescriptions of any kind shall be able to be contrary to the effectiveness of these Letters, since through these Letters we abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted for anyone to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these Letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of the person holding the highest ecclesiastical dignity, and which are signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented. Let those who in any way

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despise or disregard Our decrees know that they will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the seventh day of the month of July, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, in the twentieth year of Our Pontificate.

CELSÜS Cardinal

COSTANTINI Cardinal

MARCELLUS Cardinal

MIMMI, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory

S. R. E.

Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancellor

Albertus Serafini, Apostolic Protagonist

Caesar Federici, Apostolic Protagonist

Loco © Plumbi

In Ap. Cane, tab., vol. XVIII, n. 82.

[*Latin ed. p. 156*]

156 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary III

PHILADELPHIA-STANFORD APOSTOLIC EXARCHATE OF PHILADELPHIA, OF THE BYZANTINE RITE, LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IS ESTABLISHED; THE EXARCHATE, HOWEVER, IS RAISED TO THE METROPOLITAN APOSTOLIC RANK OF STANFORD, AND IS REDUCED TO THE RANK OF AN EPARCHY; FROM THESE SAME CHURCHES, A NEW ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE IS CONSTITUTED.

It is manifest to all that Pope Pius, servant of the servants of God, has always cared for those Christian men who, having left their homeland, have migrated to other regions, with maternal solicitude. For with regard to the faithful of the Byzantine rite, and those who, in the preceding century, came from Galicien to the United States of America, there exist numerous decrees and acts of the Roman Pontiffs, which are documents of this kind; for example, in the year 1924, an apostolic exarchate for them was established by this Holy See in Philadelphia, in the most famous city; and, finally, the Philadelphia exarchate being divided, a new Stanford exarchate was founded, namely, in the year 1956.

Therefore, having heard the reasons presented to Us, which, in the name of the Venerable Brother, Our Most Reverend Cardinal, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Eastern Churches, were explained to Us by the Most Excellent Angelus Dell'Acqua, Our Substitute of the Secretariat of State, so that, in order to better assist those faithful, a certain new ecclesiastical province might be established for those two churches, We, with Our supreme authority, giving Our consent in place of those who have some

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right in this matter, decree as follows:

In the United States of America, We establish a new ecclesiastical province for the faithful of the Byzantine rite who have come from Galicien and who reside there, comprising the Philadelphia and Stanford apostolic exarchates to this day.

Of these churches, We raise the Philadelphia one to the rank and dignity of a metropolitan see, and We reduce the Stanford one to the form of an eparchy, granting to each of them the rights and privileges that are appropriate to them, while preserving the proper prescriptions and legitimate customs of the Eastern Church; and to the prelates of these:

[*Latin ed. p. 157*]

By the Acts of the Most Holy Fathers of the Council of Trent, Session XII, paragraph 157, it is considered fitting to establish boundaries, and to impose duties and obligations according to the dignity of each. Furthermore, we subordinate the Eparchy of Stanford to the Metropolitan See of Philadelphia, so that it may be subject to it as a suffragan; and we decree that the same shall be subject to its Metropolitan. Moreover, these Our Letters shall be carried out by the venerable Apostolic Delegate in the United States of America; to whom We grant full power to carry out the matter, and to delegate, if he deems it necessary, to any man constituted in ecclesiastical dignity. After the matter has been completed, he shall order the same documents to be drawn up, and shall send true copies thereof to the Holy Congregation for the Eastern Churches as soon as possible. And if, at the time when the business must be carried out, another person presides over the same Delegation, this person shall carry out Our mandates. We will and desire that these Letters be effective now and in the future; so that those things which are decreed by them may be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their force. No prescriptions of any kind whatsoever shall be able to be contrary to the effectiveness of these Letters, since by these Letters We annul all others. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be declared entirely void and of no effect. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these Letters, whether printed or written by hand, which bear the seal of a man constituted in ecclesiastical dignity, and which are signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were shown. Let those who in any way despise or disregard Our decrees know that they will incur the penalties prescribed by law to those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the tenth day of the month of July, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, in the twentieth year of Our Pontificate.

CELSUS Cardinal COSTANTINI

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EUGENIUS Cardinal TISSERANT
Secretary of the Holy Congregation for the Eastern Churches
From the Secret Archives
Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Secretary
Albertus Serafini, Apostolic Secretary
Caesar Federici, Apostolic Secretary
Loco
In Ap. Cane, tab., vol. XCVIII, n. 52.

[*Latin ed. p. 158*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 158. APOSTOLIC LETTER proclaiming the Most Blessed Mary, invoked under the name "Help of Christians," as the principal celestial patron of the Vellore Diocese. POPE PIVS XII. For the perpetual memory of the matter. — Mary, Mother of the Author of our salvation, and also Mother of men, is constituted as a refuge for them in the trials of this earthly life. As has been brought to Our attention, the faithful of the Vellore Diocese in India are moved by a great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to whom the name "Help of Christians" has been added, from which the members of the Society of Saint Francis de Sales began to cultivate those missionary regions. Therefore, granting the desires of the clergy and the people entrusted to his care, the Most Reverend Brother David Maryanayagam Swamidoss Pillai, Bishop of Vellore, requested that We declare the Divine Mother, adorned with that appellation, as the celestial patron of his jurisdiction. We have decided to grant these requests with a willing heart, guided by the hope that, through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, the Catholic cause in that diocese will grow ever greater. Wherefore, after consultation with the Sacred Congregation of Rites, with Our certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic authority, We declare and establish that the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, invoked as "Help of Christians," is hereby constituted the principal patron of the entire Vellore Diocese before God, with all the liturgical rights and privileges that properly belong to the principal patrons of dioceses. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary. These things We decree, We establish, We ordain, that these present Letters shall remain forever valid and effective; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that those to whom they pertain, now and in the future, shall fully observe them; and that they shall be rightly judged and defined; and that, from this moment, everything to the contrary shall be considered void and of no effect, if anyone, by any authority whatsoever, knowingly or unknowingly, should attempt to do otherwise concerning these matters. Given at Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's Ring, on the thirteenth day of the month of December, in the year 1957, in the nineteenth year of Our Pontificate. By special mandate

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of the Most Holy Cardinal Gildo Brugnola, Prefect of the Apostolic Briefs, for public affairs of the Church.

[*Latin ed. p. 159*]

From the Acts of Pope Pius XII, 159, section II, BEATA MARIA, (O MEDIATOR OF ALL GRACES), is established as the principal celestial patron of the entire Meerut diocese.

PIUS XII: For the perpetual memory of this event. Our predecessors, the Roman Pontiffs, and We ourselves have repeatedly been urged to encourage the faithful to have recourse to the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is the safeguard of salvation, and to honor her with devout prayers and a virtuous manner of living. Therefore, when the Most Reverend Brother Joseph Bartholomew Evangelisti, Archbishop-Bishop of Meerut, requested that We declare the Most Holy Virgin, the Mediatrix of All Graces, as the celestial patron of his jurisdiction, We readily agreed to comply with such a request. And so, after consultation with the Congregation for Sacred Rites, with Our certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic authority, We hereby establish and declare, by these letters, in perpetuity, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mediatrix of All Graces, as the principal patron before God of the entire diocese of Meerut, with all the honors and liturgical privileges that rightfully belong to the principal patrons of dioceses. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions.

We decree, We establish, We decide that these present letters shall remain forever firm, valid, and effective; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that those to whom they pertain, or who may pertain to them, shall fully observe them now and in the future; and that they shall be duly judged and defined; and that, from this moment forward, they shall be declared void and null, if anything contrary to these provisions should be attempted by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, with any authority whatsoever.

Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, under the Fisherman's ring, on the fourth day of the month of January, in the year 1956, in the nineteenth year of Our pontificate.

By the special mandate of the Most Holy Cardinal Gildo Brugnola, Prefect for Public Affairs of the Church, from Apostolic Briefs.

[*Latin ed. p. 160*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 160. ACTS OF THE HOLY CONGREGATIONS. SACRED CONGREGATION FOR THE RITES. CONCERNING THE INSTITUTE FOR BEATIFICATION AND CANONIZATION. REGARDING THE BEATIFICATION OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, THE SISTERS OF THE POOR, FOUNDED BY CLARA FEY, VIRGIN.

A QUESTION arises: Whether the commission for the introduction of the cause should be signed in this case, and to what effect. Our spirit is glad-

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dened by that narration in the Gospel concerning mothers who, as is customary, brought their little ones so that Jesus of Nazareth, a prophet, powerful in deed and word before God and all the people (Luke 24:19), might lay his hands upon them and bestow a heavenly blessing. The Apostles, who perhaps did not consider it fitting for the Master to linger over blessing children, rebuked them and drove them away. But "Whom when Jesus saw, he was much displeased and saith to them: Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). In these children, Jesus did not merely behold the brightness and innocence of mind, which attracts all spontaneously, but he contemplated the very human nature, not yet defiled by vices and concupiscences, and a symbol of that divine beauty which all citizens of his Kingdom will attain in regeneration, to grace and glory. Especially to this youth, the Lord Christ, although he embraces the entire human race with infinite charity, never ceases to care for and assist through his Church. Inspired by his love and example, many men and women, having abandoned all things, devote themselves to the tender bodies of children, and cultivate their minds in Christian piety and the best institutions; which indeed turns to the greatest benefit of human society. Among the authors of such benefits, the Servant of God Clara Fey also seems worthy of mention. This Handmaid of God, whose life we are now recounting, was born in Aix-la-Chapelle on April 11, 1815, to Ludovico Fey and Catharina Schweling.

[*Latin ed. p. 161*]

The Sacred Congregation of Rites, endowed with distinguished virtues and piety, and blessed with abundant good fortune. Orphaned at the age of five, she was raised by her mother, who instilled in her a deep fear of God and tender devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and who taught her charity towards the poor. She received her initial education at the house of the Sisters of Penance, where she learned the fundamentals of literature. When she was twelve years old, she first attended Holy Mass and was marked with the sacred chrism, after which she received the heavenly food almost daily. Having completed her initial instruction, the Servant of God devoted herself to the art of painting, music, and other pursuits that befit a young woman. Later, she studied more advanced subjects at the Lyceum of Saint Leonardo. In the meantime, she assisted her mother with household chores, and she was very concerned with the welfare and needs of the poor, and together with her mother, she made sacred linens and vestments for the parish church; she found great delight in reading books filled with spiritual instruction and in offering prayers to God. She always scorned the vanities of the world and avoided worldly company. Seeing a large group of boys and girls wandering about the streets and squares of the city, she founded a school to gather them together, where she would provide them with bread and clothing, and also instruct them in the rudiments of religion and

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education. Indeed, certain pious priests, among whom was Clara's brother, considered her the most suitable person to found a religious society for the care of orphaned children. This was accomplished in the year 1843: the pious virgins, who had already been caring for the children for some time, were united in a common way of life, and the Servant of God became their Superior in Alet. In December of the year 1845, the Archbishop of Cologne approved the constitutions of the new society, and more formally in the year 1848, when the Sisters first put on their religious habit. Finally, on July 2nd, 1850, they solemnly pronounced their vows, and Clara was established as the General Superior of the Handmaids of the Infant Jesus. The heavenly blessing was poured out upon the new Congregation, which was called the Handmaids of the Infant Jesus, and it spread very rapidly, so that by the year 1857, it had extended beyond the boundaries of its province. However, a very serious trial threatened the society: the persecution of the Church in Prussia, which they called the "Kulturkampf," forced the Sisters to emigrate from their homeland, and all their houses were suppressed; thus, the first house of the community was established in Simpelveld, in the Netherlands. With the restoration of peace in the Church, in the year 1887, the Sisters were allowed to return to Prussia. The constitutions of this Institute were definitively approved by the Apostolic See in the year 1888. Having accepted and overcome all kinds of trials and difficulties, the foundation...

[*Latin ed. p. 162*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 162, concerning the foundation and expansion of the Congregation, as well as the expulsion from her homeland, the Servant of God, weakened by old age and illness, peacefully fell asleep in the Lord on May 8th, 1894, having most piously received the Sacraments of the Church, leaving behind a considerable reputation for holiness. This reputation, indeed, grew more and more with each passing day, so that in 1917, an ordinary process was initiated in the Ruremondensi Curia concerning the reputation for holiness of life, virtues, and miracles of the aforementioned Servant of God; a rogatorial process, also known as an inquiry, was also instituted in the Curia Vicariatus Urbis in 1919. An additional process was then held in the same Ruremondensi Curia from 1933-34. These juridical inquiries were presented to the Congregation of Sacred Rites. In the meantime, numerous letters of recommendation from Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church, Archbishops, Bishops, Empresses, Kings, Princes, and many other men of both ecclesiastical and civil distinction arrived, which confirmed the same reputation for holiness. Therefore, having observed all that ought to be observed according to law, the Congregation of Sacred Rites, having carefully considered the writings pertaining to the aforementioned Servant of God, decreed on June 18th, 1930, and on December 10th, 1943, that further proceedings could be un-

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dertaken. Therefore, His Eminence and Reverend Lord Benedict, Cardinal Aloisi Masella, Bishop of Praenestin, and the Promoter of the cause, with the insistence of the Reverend Lord Joseph Damén, Rector of the Pontifical College in Batavia and Postulator of the cause, legitimately constituted, in the ordinary meetings of the Congregation of Sacred Rites held in Vatican on March 5th, 1957, proposed the following question for discussion: Whether a Commission should be appointed for the introduction of the cause in the case and for the purpose in question. Then, His Eminence and the Reverend Fathers, entrusted with safeguarding the sacred rites, having heard the report of the Cardinal Promoter and having heard the votes of the Prelate Officials, especially the Reverend Father Sylvius Romanus, General Promoter of the Holy Office, having carefully considered all matters, judged it fitting to respond: Affirmative, that is to say, that a Commission should be appointed, if it pleases the Most Holy. Subsequently, all of the above was reported to His Holiness Pope Pius XII in writing by the aforementioned Cardinal, and His Holiness approved the judgment of the Congregation of Sacred Rites and deigned to sign the Commission for the introduction of the cause of the Servant of God Clara Fey with His own hand. Given in Rome, on August 11th, 1958. C. Card. CICOGNANI, Prefect. L. $ Sf A. Carinci, Archbishop of Seleuc, Secretary.

[*Latin ed. p. 163*]

Sacra Penitentiaria Apostolica 163. ACTA TRIBUNALIUM. SACRA PAENITENTIARIA APOSTOLICA (OFFICIUM DE INDULGENTIIS). ORATIO IN HONOREM EUCHARISTICI REGIS, ASUMMO PONTIFICE IOANNE XXIII EXARATA AD APPARANDUM EUCHARISTICUM CONGRESSUM EX OMNIBUS NATIONIBUS MONACHII ANNO MCMLX CELEBRANDUM, INDULGENTIIS DITATUR.

O Iesu, Rex gentium et saeculorum, accipe opera adorationis et laudes quae nos, fratres vestri adoptionis, humiliter tibi offerimus. Tu es "panis vivus qui de caelo descendit, qui vitam mundi dat" (Io. 6, 33); Sacerdos Maximus et Victima, te immolasti in cruce in sacrificio cruento ad propitiationem Eterno Patri pro redemptione generis humani, et nunc offeris quotidie in altariis nostris per manus ministrorum tuorum, ut in omni corde instituatur "regnum tuum veritatis et vitae, sanctitatis et gratiae, iustitiae, amoris et pacis" (Praefatio Missae Christi Regis). O "Rex gloriae," veniat ergo regnum tuum! Regna, a "throno gratiae tuae" (Hebr. 4, 16), in cordibus puerorum, ut conservent immaculatum giglium candidum baptismalis innocentiae. Regna in cordibus iuvenum, ut crescant sani et puri, dociles voci eorum qui te repraesentant in familia, in schola, in Ecclesia. Regna in foco domestico, ut parentes et filii vivant concordes in observatione legis sanctae tuae. Regna in patria nostra, ut omnes cittadini, in ordine et harmonia classium socialium, sentiant se filios unius et eiusdem Patris caelestis, vocatos ad cooperandum ad

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bonum commune temporale, felices quod pertinere ad unicum Corpus Mysticium, cui Sacramentum tuum est simul symbolum et perpetua fons. Regna, tandem, o Rex regum et "Dominus dominorum" (Deut. 10, 17), super omnes gentes terrae, et illustra regentes uniuscuiusque, ut, inspirati exemplo tuo, habeant "cogitationes pacis et non afflictionis" (Is. 29, 11).

[*Latin ed. p. 164*]

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O Jesus, Eucharistic, may all peoples freely serve You, aware that "to serve God is to reign." May Your Sacrament, O Jesus, be a light to the minds, a strength to the wills, and an attraction to the hearts. May it be a support to the weak, a comfort to the suffering, a viaticum of salvation to the dying; and to all, "a pledge of future glory." So be it!

On February 21, 1959, Our Lord Pope John, Divine Providence, XXIII, having graciously granted a partial Indulgence of ten years to the Christian faithful who, with at least a contrite heart, shall recite the aforementioned prayer, and also a plenary Indulgence once a month to the same, in any month they choose, provided they faithfully recite it daily, in opposition to all that may hinder.

N. Card. CANALI, Major Penitentiary

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[*Latin ed. p. 165*]

Diarium Romanae Curiae 165

DIARIUM ROMANAE CURIAE

Lunes, 2 Martii, 1959, Sanctissimus Pater Ioannes XXIII sollemni Audientia accipit Suam Excellentiam Moacyr Ribeiro Briggs, Legatum Extraordinarium et Plenipotenentiarium Republicae Foederatae Brasiliensis, ad praebendam Litteras Credentiales.

Die Martis, 3 Martii, 1959, Sanctissimus Pater Ioannes XXIII sollemni Audientia accipit Suam Excellentiam Generalem Antonio Th. Kébreau, Legatum Extraordinarium et Plenipotenentiarium Republicae Haitiae, ad praebendam Litteras Credentiales.

SEGRETIUM STATI

NOMINE

Per Brevia Apostolica, Sanctissimus Pater Ioannes XXIII, felix regnans, dignatus est nominare:

12 Decembris, 1958.

Eminentissimum et Reverendissimum Dominum Cardinalem Pizzardo Giuseppe, Protectorem Societatis S. Iosephi Sacri Cordis (Baltimora).

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23 Ianuarii, 1959.

Illustrimum et Reverendissimum Monissimum De Jorio Arturo, Praelatorem Auditorem Tribunalis Sacrae Romanae Rotae.

6 Februarii.

Eminentissimum et Reverendissimum Dominum Cardinalem Confalonieri Carolum, Protectorem Filiorum Caritatis Canossianarum (Roma).

Eminentissimum et Reverendissimum Dominum Cardinalem Tardini Dominicum, Protectorem Ordinis Carmelitani Antiquae Observanciae (Roma).

14 Februarii.

Eminentissimum et Reverendissimum Dominum Cardinalem Montini Ioannem Baptistam, Protectorem Sororum Sanctae Martae (Roma).

Per Litteras Secretarii Statis, Sanctissimus Pater Ioannes XXIII, felix regnans, dignatus est nominare:

17 Ianuarii, 1959.

Illustrimum Dominum Dalla Torre Giuseppe, Comitem de Sanguinetto, Latorem Rosae Aureae.

20 Ianuarii.

S. E. Reverendissimum Monissimum Ferretto Giuseppe, Archiepiscopum titulo Sardicae, Secretarium Sacri Collegii.

28 Ianuarii.

Illustrimum et Reverendissimum Monissimum Casoria Giuseppe, Subsecretarium Aggiuntum Sacrae Congregationis Disciplinae Sacramentorum.

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166 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary, February 18, 1959. The Most Eminent and Reverend Cardinal Chiarlo Carlo, Member of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation.

The Most Eminent and Reverend Cardinals Montini Giovanni Battista, Urban Giovanni, and Jullien Andrea, Members of the Sacred Congregation of the Council.

The Most Eminent and Reverend Cardinals Mimmi Marcello, Cicognani Amleto Giovanni, Roberti Francesco, and Jullien Andrea, Members of the Pontifical Commission for the Interpretation of the Code of Canon Law.

The Most Eminent and Reverend Cardinals Tisserant Eugenio and Agagianian Gregorio Pietro, Members of the Sacred Congregation for Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs.

March 6. The Most Reverend Monsignors Palazzini Pietro and Heard Guglielmo Teodoro, and the Reverend Father Philippe Paolo of the Order of the Friars Preachers, Consultors of the Pontifical Commission for the Interpretation of the Code of Canon Law.

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The Reverend Father Fabbro Cornelio of the Congregation of the Somascans, Consultant of the Sacred Congregation for Seminaries and Universities.

Furthermore, with Biglietti of the Secretariat of State, the Holy Father John XXIII, happily reigning, deigned to appoint:

Extraordinary Secret Chamberlains to His Holiness: November 19, 1958.

Monsignor Di Giacomo Luigi, of the diocese of Trieste and Capodistria.

Monsignor Fornasaro Fortunato, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Greco Giovanni, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Marzari Edoardo, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Mauro Attilio, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Policardo Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Rovis Casimiro, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Sisti Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Palazzuoli Giuseppe, of the diocese of Colle Val d'Elsa.

Monsignor Pacini Ostelio, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Caciagli Gino, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Paggetti Carlo, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Smorti Emilio, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Profeti Gaetano, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Danieli Edoardo, of the diocese of Como.

Monsignor Galli Arturo, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Gini Pietro, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Pellegrini Bartolomeo, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Sironi Angelo, of the same diocese.

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Diarium Romanae Curiae 167, November 19, 1958. Most Reverend Andrea Sosio, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Mario Villa, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Crescenzio Amodeo, of the diocese of Avellino.

Most Reverend Domenico Iepparelli, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Pellegrino Parese, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Luigi Abbondandolo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Vincenzo Passaro, of the same diocese.

December 17.

Most Reverend Carlo Capriotti, of the diocese of Ascoli Piceno.

Most Reverend Luigi Oiafardoni, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Giuseppe Fabiani, of the same diocese.

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Most Reverend Francesco Galosi, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Elia Martini, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Luigi Sebastiani, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Lorenzo O'Connell, of the diocese of Belleville.
Most Reverend Giuseppe Stenger, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Giovanni Valpondi, of the diocese of Bertinoro.
Most Reverend Natale Caprini, of the diocese of Bobbio.
Most Reverend Paolo Mariani, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Giuseppe Muzio, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Giacinto Pugni, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Casimiro Todeschini, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Angelo Zambarbieri, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Luigi Di Flumeri, of the diocese of Bovino.
Most Reverend Remigio Cela, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Antonio Labriola, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Bruno Pela, of the Archdiocese of Catanzaro.
Most Reverend Giovanni Apa, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Bruno D'Amica, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Pietro Fragola, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Salvatore Durante, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Antonio Garcea, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Alfredo De Girolamo, of the diocese of Squillace.
Most Reverend Vincenzo Samà, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Giuseppe Pitaro, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Justin Alberto Driscoll, of the Archdiocese of Dubuque.
Most Reverend William Anthony Roach, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Roland Briere, of the diocese of Gaspé.
Most Reverend Carlo Allard, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Vincenzo Santori, of the diocese of Rieti.
Most Reverend Angelo Fasciolo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Luigi Firmi, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Silvio Verna, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Domenico Peduzzi, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Guido Peduzzi, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Giovanni Rinaldi, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Giuseppe Leone (Rome).

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Most Reverend Francesco Fanelli, of the diocese of San Severo.

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168 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale, December 17, 1958. Monsignor Irmici Enrico, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Sessa Mario, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Calderone Giuseppe, of the prelature of St. Lucy of Mela.

Monsignor Fabietti Nazareno, of the diocese of Senigallia.

Monsignor Giannini Noè, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Manoni Franco, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Polverari Alberto, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Bevere Frederick, of the diocese of Melfi.

Monsignor Chiaromonte Anthony, of the diocese of Rapolla.

Monsignor Di Prima Giuseppe, of the diocese of Venosa.

Monsignor Lavorano Luigi, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Ferrara Luigi, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Canili Bernard, of the diocese of Southwark.

Monsignor Farrell John, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Mahony Edward, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Reynolds Anthony, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Standen Ernest, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Wall Denis, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Clark Alan, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Urig Regis, of the diocese of Steubenville.

Monsignor O'Donnell Henry, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Laca Stephen, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Yonk John, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Arnold Francis, of the archdiocese of Vienna.

Monsignor Haider Francis, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Kosnetter John, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Kurz John, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Loidl Francis, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Pfliegler Michael, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Schimka Joseph, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Pierce Henry Kingsbury, of the archdiocese of Westminster.

Monsignor Yligan Porfirio, of the archdiocese of Nueva Caceres.

Monsignor Yllana Alfred, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Vargas Vincent, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor De Melo Reis Joseph Umbelino, of the diocese of Campanha.

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Monsignor Lefort Joseph, in the patronage of [the same diocese].
Monsignor Nagel Anthony Fortunato, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Saez Theophilus, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Maia Luke, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Dini Dalisio Battista, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Da Silveira John the Baptist, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Pinto Louis Gonzaga, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Oenning John, of the same diocese.

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Diarium Romanae Curiae 169, 18 December 1958. Monsignor Vasconcellos Oaveiro Fausto, of the same diocese. Monsignor De Freitas Anthony, of the same diocese. Monsignor De Carvalho Bernard Adrian, of the diocese of Caruaru. Monsignor Simon Ovid, of the diocese of Campos. Monsignor Von Leto George, of the same diocese. Monsignor Da Costa Coelho Joseph, of the archdiocese of Diamantina. Monsignor Amantino Dos Santos Joseph, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Pereira De Amarai Joseph, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Tavares De Sousa John, of the same archdiocese. John Beitmeier, of the diocese of Lajes. Monsignor Orth Louis, of the same diocese. Monsignor Peters Frederick, of the same diocese. Monsignor Nicopelli Henry, of the diocese of Piracicaba. Monsignor Cury Cecilius, of the same diocese. Monsignor Mutschele Francis, of the same diocese. Monsignor Salgot Martin, of the same diocese. Monsignor Martins Da Silva Anthony, of the same diocese. Monsignor Koelman John, of the diocese of Groninga. Monsignor Holtmann Theodore, of the same diocese. Monsignor Scholiens Jurrien, of the same diocese. Monsignor Martinelli Oddo, of the diocese of Gubbio. Monsignor Varna Leo, of the diocese of Liepaja. Monsignor Head Henry, of the diocese of Green Bay. Monsignor Griese Nicola Orville, of the same diocese. Monsignor Marionneaux Louis Errol, of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Monsignor Adams John, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Beriguistain Santos, of the archdiocese of Pamplona. Monsignor Vincent Albert, of the archdiocese of Paris. Monsignor Wissing Leo, of the diocese of Peoria. Monsignor Blecke Francis, of the same diocese. Monsignor Middleton Gilbert, of the same diocese. Monsignor Haas Murray, of the same diocese. Monsignor Peters Robert, of the same diocese. Monsignor Bernard Simon, of the same diocese. Monsignor Quintana Nicola, of the archdiocese of Popayan. Monsignor De Freitas Benedict Mark, of the archdiocese of Sao Paulo of Brazil. Monsignor Garzaro James, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Bueno De Medeiros Joseph Clement, of the same archdiocese.

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Most Reverend De Godoy Cremer Giuseppe Luigi, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Thurler Giuseppe, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Tavora Antonio Giulio, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend De Veras Alcantara Natanaele, of the diocese of Valencia in Brazil.

Most Reverend Donin Ivo Sante, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Brandstatter Lorenzo, of the diocese of Seco.

Most Reverend Gratzer Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Haas Leopoldo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Kern Giovanni, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Marcher Alberto, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Pock Giovanni, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Pommer Antonio, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Sauer Francesco, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Schellauf Francesco, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Schneiber Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Seifried Giovanni, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Steinkleibl Giovanni, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Stradner Francesco, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Trümmer Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Trümmer Massimiliano, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Wilhelm Ruperto, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Zottler Giovanni, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Collings Giuseppe, of the Archdiocese of Westminster.

Most Reverend Collingwood Cutberto, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Coonan Giovanni Lorenzo, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Galloway Dunderdale Edoardo, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Goulder Giorgio Lorenzo, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Row Federico Giovanni, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Stanley Sutton Edoardo, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Tomlinson Giorgio Arturo, of the same archdiocese.

December 19.

Most Reverend Copello Carlo, of the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires.

Most Reverend Isoldi Giulio, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Speroni Eusebio, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Auletta Davide, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Conway Donald, of the diocese of Davenport.

Most Reverend Me Auliffe Giovanni, of the same diocese.

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Most Reverend Jagodic Giuseppe, of the diocese of Lubiana.
Most Reverend Premrl Stanislao, of the same diocese.

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Diarium Romanae Curiae 171, December 19, 1958.
Most Reverend Mr. Zaje Riccardo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Zakrajsek Vittorio, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Zupancic Valentino, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Azzopardi Michele, of the Archdiocese of Malta.
Most Reverend Mr. Oilia Antonio, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Cuta jar Domenico, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Scully Edoardo, of the Diocese of Paterson.
Most Reverend Mr. Looney William, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Hayes Denis, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. McKenna John, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Brestel Joseph, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Haag Christian, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Murphy Francis, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Wall William, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Gallo Joseph, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Pavic John, of the Diocese of Porec.
Most Reverend Mr. Holland George Thomas, of the Diocese of Pueblo.
Most Reverend Mr. Subotich George Louis, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Maas Peter Francis, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Voss Elwood Clarenzio, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Faistl Francis George, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Ravelli Peter (Rome).
Most Reverend Mr. Tafuri Vincent, of the Archdiocese of Salerno.
Most Reverend Mr. Sullivan Robert, of the Diocese of Syracuse.
Most Reverend Mr. Casadei Aldo, of the Diocese of Cesena.
Most Reverend Mr. Forte Domenico, of the Archdiocese of Udine.
Most Reverend Mr. Shanahan Daniel, of the Diocese of Brentwood.
Most Reverend Mr. Bayer Charles, of the Archdiocese of Breslau.
Most Reverend Mr. Bogacki Maximilian, of the Diocese of Buffalo.
Most Reverend Mr. Colagioia Pasquale, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Ebner Martin, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Ferger Edward, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Geary Leo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Growney Francis, of the same diocese.

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Most Reverend Mr. Herzing Raymond, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Hoffmeyer Albert, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Kelliher Franklin, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Kennedy John, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Kirby William, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Kolpinski Stanislaus, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. McCabe Felix, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. McCarthy Bernard, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. McPherson, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Mellerski Peter, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Miller Rudolph, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Neylon John, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Ormsby John, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mr. Schreckenberger Charles, of the same diocese.

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172 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale, December 22, 1958. Monsignor Edward Schwegler, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Eugene Seibert, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Vincent Sokolowski, of the same diocese.
Monsignor William Solleder, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Julius Szabo, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Leo Toomey, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Maurice Woulfe, of the same diocese.
Monsignor William Wozniak, of the same diocese.
Monsignor George Zimpfer, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Edward Hickey, of the diocese of Covington.
Monsignor John Elsaesser, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Harry Welp, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Joseph Augusto da Silva, of the archdiocese of Fortaleza.
Monsignor Joseph Mourao Pinheiro, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Andrea Viana Camurca, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Basil Martin, of the archdiocese of Halifax.
Monsignor Gerard Murphy, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Francis Carroll, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor J. Allard Beaudry, of the archdiocese of Saint Boniface.
Monsignor Charles Decorsy, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor John Carley, of the archdiocese of Kingston.
Monsignor Alexander Robitaille, of the diocese of Timmins.

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Monsignor Alderico Melanson, of the archdiocese of Moncton.
Monsignor Luciano Beaudoin, of the archdiocese of Ottawa.
Monsignor Roger Lariviere, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Cesare Abarca, of the archdiocese of Lima.
Monsignor Antonino Sciacchitano, of the diocese of Lipari.
Monsignor Hector Delvaux, of the diocese of Namur.
Monsignor Paul Nicole, of the archdiocese of Quebec.
Monsignor George Edward Demers, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Eugene Michaud, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor David Lambert, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Alphonse Giroux, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Paul Bouille, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Arthur Belleau, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Alziro Tardif, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Joseph Mathieu, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Joseph Poissant, of the diocese of Saint John, Quebec.
Monsignor Luciano Messier, of the same diocese.
Monsignor John Edward Brown, of the archdiocese of Vancouver.
Monsignor A. Griffith, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Vito Grespan, of the diocese of London, Ontario.

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Diarium Romanae Curiae 173, December 22, 1958. Most Reverend Noel Giovanni, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend O'Keefe Dermot L., of the Archdiocese of St. John's, Newfoundland.

Most Reverend Vucetic Francesco, of the Diocese of Ragusa (Yugoslavia).

Most Reverend Ant uno vie Luca, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Capurso Carlo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Posa Paolo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Bendazzi Anacleto, of the Archdiocese of Ravenna.
Most Reverend Benini Ubaldo, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Brandolini Vincenzo, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Brasini Giuseppe, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend De Marchi Mario, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Fantini Giulio, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mazzotti Mario, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Molducci Giles, of the same Archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Montanari Luigi, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Strani Angelo, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Tanasini Elvezio, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Zambotti Giovanni, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Spina Emidio (Rome).

Most Reverend Ricci Gerolamo (Rome).

Most Reverend Gasparri Aroldo (Rome).

Most Reverend Di Mario Marino (Rome).

Most Reverend Saviani Francesco (Rome).

Most Reverend Anania Luigi (Rome).

Most Reverend Salvi Carlo (Rome).

Most Reverend Clarizio Anthony (Rome).

Most Reverend Metta Nicola (Rome).

Most Reverend Cazzaniga Giovanni (Rome).

Most Reverend Bemelmans Giovanni Enrico Uberto, of the Diocese of Ruremonda.

Most Reverend Goessens Giovanni Guglielmo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Keulers Gian Giuseppe Domenico, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Roncken Carlo Guglielmo E. A., of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Sassen Ferdinando L. R., of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Teeuwen Stefano G. G., of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Terstappen Augusto E. IT., of the same diocese.

Most Reverend van der Mühlen Enrico Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend van Rijt Giovanni Gerard, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend De Castro Diego, of the Archdiocese of Santiago del Chile.

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Most Reverend Monsignor De La Cerda Giuseppe, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor De La Fuente Ascario, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Eyzaguirre Enrico, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Fuenzalida Gioacchino, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Gomez Giorgio, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Larrain Raffaele, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Lecourt Edoardo, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Perez Gerard, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Silva Domenico, of the same archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Monsignor Silva Ippolito, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Carbone Anthony, of the Abbey of the Most Holy Trinity of Cava dei Tirreni.

Most Reverend Monsignor Farina M. Alfonso, of the same abbey.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giordano Emilio, of the same abbey.

Most Reverend Monsignor Divine Francesco, of the diocese of Sault Sainte Marie.

Most Reverend Monsignor Salini Carlo Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Belluzzo Giuseppe, of the diocese of Vicenza.

Most Reverend Monsignor Bigarella Mario, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Bison Ofelio, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Borsato Vincenzo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Camelotto Carlo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Caliaro Luigi, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Canova Lidio, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Carlesso Mark, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Carraro Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Cera Girolamo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Ceroni Pietro, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Dal Grande Eugenio, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Fanton Carlo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Fracasso Benigno, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Lorenzon Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Marola Camillo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Scapin Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Signorini Anthony, of the same diocese.

23 Most Reverend Monsignor Ferreira Giacomo, of the diocese of Arassuai.

Most Reverend Monsignor Alves Da Costa Giovanni, of the archdiocese of Manáos.

Most Reverend Monsignor Alvarado Gonzalez Anthony, of the diocese of Saint Petersburg.

Most Reverend Monsignor Da Costa Giuseppe Galdino, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Dò Amarai Melo Luigi Gerard, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Da Silveira Rocco Venanzio, of the diocese of

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Sete Lagôas.

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Most Reverend Monsignor Gregory Nafria, of the diocese of Rio Prêto.

Most Reverend Monsignor Cesario De Castro Leibenites, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Vittorio Rodriquez De Assis, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Romeo Tortorelli, of the diocese of San Carlo (Brazil).

Most Reverend Monsignor Francesco Serra, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe Maria Frutuoso Braga, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giulio Cesare Pacheco, of the diocese of Coro.

Most Reverend Monsignor Felice Quintana, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe Vincenzo Healey, of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

Most Reverend Monsignor Enrico Francesco Davis, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Patrizio Lannen, of the diocese of Middlesbrough.

Most Reverend Monsignor Aroldo Squirreil, of the diocese of Northampton.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni De Lepper, of the diocese of Breda.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe Plasschaert, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Teodoro van der Bom, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Guy Aix, of the Archdiocese of KolÃn.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giorgio Alfes, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Massimiliano Antons, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Pietro Blanke, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Pietro Briefs, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Gustavo Budde, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Teodoro Butzler, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Pietro Bürger, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe Burscheid, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Guglielmo Bussmann, of the same Archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Monsignor Engelberto Eller, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Bernard Erasmi, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Alberto Faure, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Ferdinando Fischer, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Enrico Preistedt, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Antonio Funke, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni Enrico Gertges, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Oscar Golombeck, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Ferdinando Graf, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Frederick van der Grinten, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Paolo Heusgen, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Adolfo Horion, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe Hoster, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Robert Hürtgen, of the same Archdiocese.

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176 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale, December 23, 1958. Most Reverend Monsignor Jander Frederick, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Jansen Francis, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Jentgens Gerard, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Kallen Peter Bernard, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Klausener Eugene, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Kleff William, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Koenig Louis, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Krahe Joseph, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Krautscheidt Joseph, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Krey Hubert, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Kutsch William, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Lewen Peter, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Marx William, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Mayers William, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Ostlender Henry, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Peil Rudolph, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Queck Joseph, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Radermacher Joseph, of the same archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Monsignor Robens James, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Rupperath Henry, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Signowski Francis, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Schaefer Francis, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Stegerwald Louis, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Thienel Hubert, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Walterscheid John, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Weisskichel Ferdinand, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Wendel Adolph, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Wolff Paul, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Chiusano Joseph, of the Archiepiscopal See of Conza.

Most Reverend Monsignor Gela Michael, of the Diocese of Bisaccia.

Most Reverend Monsignor Girard Leandro, of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

Most Reverend Monsignor Hadwen Selim, of the same Patriarchate.

Most Reverend Monsignor Beltritti James, of the same Patriarchate.

Most Reverend Monsignor Muñoz Linares Feliciano, of the Diocese of Ica.

Most Reverend Monsignor Medina Meza Ireneo, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Maurtua Lopez Leonidas, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Herrero Callejos Amalio, of the same Diocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 177*]

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ACTA APOSTOLICAE SEDIS

COMMENTARIUM OFFICIALE

ACTA IOANNIS PP. XXIII

SACRA CONSISTORIA

I. CONSISTORIUM PUBLICUM

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Feria V, die X mensis Martii anno MCMXLIX, in consueta aula Palatii Apostolici Vaticani, fuit Publicum Consistorium, in quo Sanctissimus Dominus Noster Ioannes PP. XXIII, Galerum rubrum Pontificalem suo ritu tradidit Emissis et Reverendissimis Dominis Cardinalibus: IOSEPHO FIETTA, FERDINANDO CENTO, IOSEPHO M. BUENO ET MONREAL, in Consistorio Secreto die XV mensis Decembris superioris anni creatis. Interim, per D. Ioannem Torre, Advocatum Sacri Consistorii, peroratio fiebat Causae Servi Dei Maximiliani M. Kolbe, Ordinis Fratrum Minorum Conventualium.

II. CONSISTORIUM SECRETUM

Publico Consistorio absoluto, statim in eadem aula habitum est Consistorium Secretum, cuius acta ex ordine referuntur.

[*Latin ed. p. 178*]

178 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary I - The Most Blessed Father, the Chamberlain of the Sacred College, deigned to confirm, for this year, in the office of Chamberlain of the Sacred College, His Eminence, Reverend Father Cardinal Paul Tisserant. II - ADDRESS OF OUR HOLY LORD After the aforementioned Cardinals had been received into the College of Cardinals, as is customary, the Supreme Pontiff spoke these words: VENERABLE BROTHERS Before we speak of the co-opting of new Bishops, a matter concerning the Oriental Church is presented to Us, which requires Us to exercise Our authority in the Apostolic office. You know the Venerable Brother Joseph Grhanima, Patriarch of the Chaldeans of Babylon, who, on the eighth day of the month of July, last year, in the year 1958, passed from this mortal life. He was a man most worthy who held that most important office, both for his doctrine, and for the prudence in his actions, and for his zeal in tending to the flock entrusted to him, and also for his close union of mind and spirit with this Apostolic See. After his pious death, the Archbishops and Bishops of the same rite held a synod, as is customary, in which, with their votes, on the tenth day of the month of December of the same year, they elected the Venerable Brother Paul Cheikho, Bishop of Alep [Beroea, Halab] of the Chaldeans. Having duly carried out these proceedings, the elected Patriarch and the other Fathers of the same synod were most pleasingly presented to Us, so that We might confirm the election. We do so gladly, since We know that the Prelate is not only endowed with mental gifts and virtues, but is also very learned in both sacred and profane disciplines; all of which he has demonstrated in the past years in the episcopal duties he has already undertaken, setting an example for others. For the recognition of this, We commend the Venerable

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Cardinals to the Sacred Council for Oriental Church affairs.

[*Latin ed. p. 179*]

The Act of Pope John XXIII, dated the 17th of [month] in the year 179, which, as is customary, we have received; and after careful consideration, We have decided to grant the request of those Bishops, and We deem it fitting to confirm a new Patriarch, who shall be established by Our will and authority. Therefore, by the authority of Almighty God, and of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and by Our own authority, We confirm and ratify this election or request made by the Venerable Brothers, Archbishops and Bishops of the Chaldean Patriarchal Church; and therefore, We appoint the Venerable Brother Paul Cheikho, released from the bond by which he was attached to the Chaldean Church of Alep, as Patriarch of the Chaldean Church of Babylon, as will be expressed in the decree and in the Consistorial documents: notwithstanding any contrary provisions. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. We cannot pass over this occasion, Venerable Brothers, without expressing from the depths of our heart our good wishes to that noble nation in which the seat of this Chaldean Patriarch is located, that, with affairs and reasons favorably arranged, and with all hearts reconciled and at peace with each other, it may attain ever-increasing prosperity; which We earnestly pray to God, the most benevolent giver of all good things, through our prayers. Now, there remains nothing else, Venerable Brothers, except to appoint a Pastor for the Churches, as is customary.

III - APPOINTMENTS FOR CHURCHES

Immediately, the Most Holy Father proposed the following appointments for the Churches:

He appointed the Reverend Father Dom Aemilius Tagle Covarrubias, formerly the titular Bishop of Arethusa, as the titular Archbishop of the Church of Nicopolis near the Nestus River.

He appointed the Reverend Dom Angelus Zambarbieri, the parish priest and vicarius forane in the town of "Borzonasca," as the titular Bishop of the Church of Sita, and established him as a Coadjutor with the right of succession to the Reverend Father Dom Iacobus Zaffrani, Bishop of Guastalla.

He appointed the Reverend Father Dom Antonius Bavagli, the titular Bishop of Philippopolis in Arabia, as a Coadjutor with the right of succession to the Reverend Father Dom Maximilian Massimiliano, Bishop of Modigliana.

[*Latin ed. p. 180*]

From the Acts of the Holy Apostolic See, 180: An official record. Furthermore, the Most Reverend prelates have publicly announced those whom

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they have already resigned from their offices through Apostolic Letters bearing the seal, namely:

ARCHBISHOPS:

Of Liberopolis, the diocese of which has been raised to an archdiocese, John Jerome Adam, who was previously the Bishop of the same diocese.

Of Fianarantsoa, the diocese of which has been raised to an archdiocese, Francis Xavier Thoyer, who was previously the Bishop of the same diocese.

Of Diego Suarez, the diocese of which has been raised to an archdiocese, John Wolff, who was previously the Bishop of the same diocese.

Of Preslavus, Benedict Falcucci, who was previously the Bishop of Penne and Piscara.

Of Rhoina, Oscar de Oliveira, who was previously the Bishop of Irenopolis in Cilicia, Coadjutor with the right of succession to the Most Reverend Helvecii Gomes de Oliveira, Archbishop of Mariana.

BISHOPS:

Of Caesarea in Numidia, Wenceslaus Wicisk, Auxiliary to the Most Reverend Stephen, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, Archbishop of Gnesen and Warsaw, for the archdiocese of Gnesen.

Of Alienum, Lech Kaczmarek, Auxiliary to the Most Reverend Edmund Nowicki, Bishop of Thugga, Coadjutor "assigned to the see" of the Most Reverend Charles Maria Splett, Bishop of Danzig.

Of Eudocia, John Czerniak, Auxiliary to the Most Reverend Stephen, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, Archbishop of Gnesen and Warsaw, for the archdiocese of Gnesen.

Of Daonium, George Modzelewski, Auxiliary to the Most Reverend Stephen, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, Archbishop of Gnesen and Warsaw, for the archdiocese of Warsaw.

Of Digne (-Riez-Sisteron), Bernardin Collin, who was previously the Bishop of Duren.

Of Bagai, Lawrence Bernard Regno, who was previously the Bishop of Kandy.

Of Termessus, Adolphus Fürstenberg, Apostolic Vicar of Abercorn.

[*Latin ed. p. 181*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 181:

Nepte, to Alvim Pereira, Auxiliary Bishop of Elmi, the Most Reverend Theodosius Clement, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, Archbishop of Lourenço Marques.

Caicoënsem, to Emmanuelem Tavares de Araujo.

Euroeensem in Epiro, to Alphonsum Mehues, Coadjutor with right of succession, to the Most Reverend Daniel Hostin, Bishop of Lages.

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Flumenzeritanum, to Ioannem Cullinane, Auxiliary Bishop to the Most Reverend Eris Michael O'Brien, Archbishop of Camberran and Gulburn.

Pitanaeum, to Ioannem Jobst, Apostolic Vicar of Kimberlie in Western Australia.

Decoriana, to Philippum Conduru Pacheco, who is now Bishop of Parnaíba.

Vermopolitanam, to Seraphinum Fernandes de Araujo, Auxiliary Bishop to the Most Reverend Ioannem Rezende Costa, Archbishop of Martíropolitana, and Coadjutor with right of succession to the Most Reverend Antonii dos Santos Cabrai, Archbishop of Belo Horizonte.

Matamoros-Reynosa, to Stanislaum Alcaraz Pigueroa, for the newly established diocese.

Pittsburgensem, to Ioannem Iosephum Wright, who is now Bishop of Vigornia.

Foratiana, to Ioannem Villelmum Comber.

Roermond, to Petrum Ioannem Antonium Moors.

Eminentiana, to Iulium Angerhausen, Auxiliary Bishop to the Most Reverend Francisci Hengsbach, Bishop of Essen.

Cordoba, to Emmanuelem Fernandez Conde.

Valentina, to Carolum Mulrooney, Auxiliary Bishop to the Most Reverend Bryan Iosephi McEntegart, Bishop of Bruîdynia.

Forma, to Iacobum Gerard, Auxiliary Bishop to the Most Reverend Iacobi Connolly, Bishop of Fall River.

Barranquilla, to Germanum Villa Gaviria, who is now Bishop of Lamdia.

Zerta, to Marcellum Mendiharat, Coadjutor with right of succession to the Most Reverend Alfredi Viola, Bishop of Salto in Uruguay.

[*Latin ed. p. 182*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - LS2, Official Commentary, Mcmgalorensem, Raymund D'Mello. Semnea, Albert D'Souza, Auxiliary to the Most Reverend Father D. Renato Feuga, Bishop of Mysore. Piura, Charles Albert Arce Masiás, now Bishop of Huánuco. Ica, Albert Dettmann and Aragón, now Bishop of Puno. Huánuco, Ignatius Arbulii Pineda. Papantla, Alphonsus Sánchez Tinoco. Arua, to the newly erected diocese, Angel Tarantino. Hyllwrimemem, Francis Lehaen, Apostolic Vicar of Sakania. Xapeco, to the newly erected diocese, Joseph Thurler. Penne - Piscari, Anthony Iannucci, now Bishop of Hadrianopolis in Hellespont. Divinópolis, to the newly erected diocese, Christian Portela de Araujo Pena. Umuahia, to the newly erected diocese, Anthony Nwedo. Zaparata, John Mimar, Auxiliary to the Most Reverend Father Joseph Maria Cuenco, Archbishop of Jarín. Mallota, Joseph Denning, Auxiliary to the Most Reverend Father Bryan Joseph McEntegart, Bishop of Brooklyn. Patos, to

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the newly erected diocese, Expedito Edward de Oli veira, now Bishop of Barca. Puno, Julius Gonzalez Ruiz. PRELATE OF NO BISHOPRIC, Bicuwn, newly erected prelature, Nevin Hayes. Furthermore, the Most Blessed Father confirmed that the election, canonically made in the Synod of Armenian Bishops, of Reverend Raphael Bayan, Coadjutor with right of succession to the Most Reverend Father James Nessimian, Archbishop-Bishop of Alexandrian Armenians, was assigned to a titular bishopric.

[*Latin ed. p. 183*]

Acta of Pope John XXIII, 183, concerning the Church of Tauitaham; and also, that the canonically made election in the Synod of Syrian Bishops, of the Most Reverend John Karroum, to the cathedral Church of the Syrians of Spin, was confirmed.

IV – THE OPENING OF MOUTHS AND THE ASSIGNATION OF TITLES. After these things, the Supreme Pontiff opened his mouth to the aforementioned Cardinals, so that in Consistories, Congregations, or other functions pertaining to their rank, they might express their opinions, and he handed to each of them a ring, assigning titles to each:

JOSEPHO FIETTA, the title of Saint Paul the Apostle at the Arena (Diaconate, for this occasion, elevated to a title).

FERDINANDO CENTO, the title of Saint Eustachius (Diaconate, for this occasion, elevated to a title).

JOSEPH M. BUENO ET MONREAL, the title of the Saints Vitus, Modestus, and Crescentia (Diaconate, for this occasion, elevated to a title).

V – THE REQUEST FOR THE PALLIA. Then, through their representatives, the request for the pallia was made: For the Patriarchal Church of the Chaldeans of Babylon; also, for the Metropolitan Churches of Trivandrum of the Syrian Malankarese, Libreville (through the elevation of the see), Fianarantsoa (through the elevation of the see), and Diego Suarez (through the elevation of the see).

APOSTOLIC LETTERS: THE PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR CINEMATOGRAPHIC, RADIO, AND TELEVISION AFFAIRS IS ESTABLISHED.

POPE JOHN XXIII.

For the perpetual memory of this matter. – The office of good shepherd of the entire flock of the Lord, which, as the Supreme Pontiff inaugurated, we affirmed to be "most dear to us in a particular way," we command that the mind should never fail to be directed to the needs of the Church, and that all things should be expended with the greatest care, which, with the

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progress of civil culture in this age,

[*Latin ed. p. 184*]

The acts of the Apostolic See – the official commentary – contain nothing insignificant concerning the spiritual life of men; among these, the radio, television, and cinema rightly deserve to be included. Already, Our Predecessor, of blessed memory, Pope Pius XII, through weighty Encyclical Letters and discourses, not once, but repeatedly, warned the faithful and all men endowed with right reason of the grave duty by which they are bound to use these marvelous inventions of technical art according to the provident design of God, and in a manner befitting human dignity, to which they ought to be subservient. For this purpose, Our Predecessor took care to establish a special Council within this Roman Curia, to which He entrusted the task of diligently executing the orders and instructions which, in those same Encyclical Letters, beginning with the words "utterly deplorable," addressed matters of faith, morals, and ecclesiastical discipline concerning radio, television, and cinema.

Therefore, We desire to reiterate and confirm the exhortations and precepts of that same Predecessor, as We consider grave questions concerning the public good, the propagation of ideas, and the education of youth, which arise from these aforementioned technical arts – inventions which often stir the minds of men so greatly – and We wish to ensure that these instruments, imparted to men by the most benign God, are, as far as possible, made effective aids to virtue and probity. For it is no secret how much the art of cinema, or radio, or television, can contribute to the higher culture of humanity, to the true arts, and especially to the propagation and dissemination of truth. When We were in Venice, We were surrounded by men dedicated to the art of cinema, and We encouraged them with paternal concern; and, by the secret providence of God, brought to the Patriarchal See of Zvolen, We testified Our benevolence towards those dedicated to the work of radio, television, and cinema, and We have never neglected any suitable opportunity to remind them to fulfill the Christian nobility that has been entrusted to them in their work.

However, with no small sorrow, We must point out the dangers and moral harms which, too often, arise from the aforementioned films.

[*Latin ed. p. 185*]

From the Acts of Pope John XXIII, 185: Through the propagation of moving images and television broadcasts, Christian morals and the very dignity of man are undermined. Therefore, we urge all those to whom such spectacles and broadcasts are directed, with paternal solicitude, to observe the laws of a sound and upright conscience, as befits those who are entrusted with the grave duty of educating others. At the same time, we again command the Most Reverend Archbishops and Bishops to diligently

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oversee and, with experienced care, to consult various apostolic methods, which are suggested by the aforementioned Encyclical Letters, beginning with the words "Miranda prorsus," especially the Offices of the Nations, established in each region with the intention of directing and properly organizing everything that is done by Catholics in the fields of cinematography, radio, and television. Among these endeavors, we place great importance on those that pertain to the formation of morals and the promotion of intellectual development, such as the presentation of cinematographic films and the discussions that follow, which, with exceptional artistry, commend morals. Since the very nature of such instruments, which are suitable for the propagation of voices and images, requires—also with regard to the rights and authority of the Holy See—that unity be maintained in their direction and operation, We, with our own initiative, with certain knowledge and mature deliberation of Our Apostolic power, and by the full authority of these letters, We establish these norms, by which the Pontifical Council for Cinematography, Radio, and Television is bound in the performance of its duties, derogating from the rules contained in the laws of that same Council, which are currently in force.

Therefore, We decree and define that the Pontifical Council for Cinematography, Radio, and Television be established as a permanent office of the Holy See, whose purpose is to examine various questions pertaining to cinematography, radio, and television, to foster their development, and to direct them according to the mandates, norms, and other prescriptions of the Holy See, as set forth in the Encyclical Letters beginning with the words "Miranda prorsus," and to be published in the future. Furthermore, it is the duty of this Pontifical Council to: ascertain how cinematographic series are produced and what methods are actually employed.

[*Latin ed. p. 186*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 186: Radio broadcasts, television programs; to direct and promote the work of Catholic associations from every nation and of ecclesiastical institutions established in each nation, which are concerned with the motion picture, radio, and television industries, especially with regard to "film strips" for the purpose of describing moral matters; to religious broadcasts and television programs intended for the propagation of the faith; and to form the faithful, especially the young, in the Christian conscience, with regard to these programs; 7. Finally, to communicate with the Congregations and Offices of the Apostolic See, with Episcopal Conferences, and with individual local Ordinaries, regarding matters pertaining to the numerous and complex questions of this kind. The Congregations of the Holy Roman Curia and other Offices of the Apostolic See request the opinion of this Council before deciding, ordering, or granting any authority to act on matters pertaining to the motion picture, radio, and television industries, and this Council

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shall make known the principles which it has laid down by reason of its own authority. The Pontifical Council for the Motion Picture, Radio, and Television is presided over by a Prefect, who shall report on the activities of the Council every six months. The following are members of this Council: Assessors and Secretaries of the Sacred Congregations of the Holy Office, Consistorial, for the Oriental Church, of the Council, of Religious, of Propaganda Fide, of Seminaries and Universities, and the Substitute of the Office for the public ecclesiastical finances; to whom others, besides these, may be added at Our pleasure. Officials will be present to assist the Prefect in carrying out the work of the Council. 8. Furthermore, a group of consultants elected by the Apostolic See will assist this Council, who are particularly skilled in the exercise of the apostolate in the motion picture, radio, and television fields. The care of the Vatican Film Library is entrusted to this Council, which is why We intend to establish it, so that the specimens of the art of cinematography which are in the possession of the Apostolic See may be brought together in one place. 7. See Acts of the Apostolic See, vol. XLIX, a. 1957, p. 780 ff. 8. See Acts of the Apostolic See, vol. XLIII, a. 1951, appendix fascicle 8, p. (3).

[*Latin ed. p. 187*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII, 187. Finally, in the City of the Vatican, the aforementioned Council, which is dedicated to attending to the public affairs of the Church, has been established, and it shall operate without any impediment whatsoever. We are pleased to commend and bless the endeavors and works of those who are in charge of the cinematographic, radio, and television affairs of this Pontifical Council, having already highly approved of its fruitful beginnings in the past. We decree, establish, and ordain that these present Letters shall remain forever valid and effective; that they shall fully and completely produce and obtain their intended effects; and that those to whom they pertain, now and in the future, shall fully support them; and that they shall be duly judged and defined; and that they shall be null and void from this moment forward, if anything contrary to these should be attempted by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, with any authority whatsoever. Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's Ring, on the twentieth day of the month of February, in the year 1957, during the first year of Our Pontificate.

IOANNES PP. XXIII, LETTER TO THE MOST REVEREND FATHER ELIJAH, BISHOP OF MARCI, OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH, CARDINAL DALLA COSTA, ARCHBISHOP OF FLORENTINUM, MARKING THE FIFTH CENTENARY FROM THE DEATH OF SAINT ANTONINUS.

IOANNES PP. XXIII, Beloved Son, greetings and the Apostolic Blessing.

The city of Florentinum, as We know, is about to celebrate the fifth centenary from the time when Saint Antoninus, the ornament of the Dominican

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monastery of Saint Mark and of this Archdiocese, passed from this mortal life to the heavenly realm, a departure that was never unholy. We desire, through these Letters, to be present in some way, and to exhort you all to emulate the excellent examples of his sanctity, according to your own circumstances.

From his youthful years, he seemed to wish to lead a life more angelic than human; for he shone with a special purity, which he guarded, as it were, with the sharp thorns of penance, so that he might preserve his innocence intact, never neglecting any opportunity. And since he knew that we could do nothing without the help and grace of God, he implored it day and night through prayers.

[*Latin ed. p. 188*]

He attended to matters with solemn prayers; and he snatched only a brief sleep, often lying on a bare bed. Having been enrolled in the Order of Preachers, he strove daily with greater zeal to follow the evangelical way of life; therefore, Our Predecessor of blessed memory, Eugene IV, who had observed his piety, learning, and prudence in managing affairs, appointed him Archbishop to govern the Diocese of Florence. In fulfilling this office, he not only imparted wise exhortations, warnings, and precepts to all, but, above all, he shone as an example of a most holy life to the clergy and the people, so that the following words of Our Predecessor of blessed memory, Gregory the Great, which exhort sacred pastors, were perfectly applicable to him: "Let the shepherd be outstanding in action, so that by living, he may show to his flock the way of life, so that the flock, which follows the voice and the manners of the shepherd, may progress better by examples than by words. For he who is compelled by necessity to say much, is also compelled by the same necessity to demonstrate much. For that voice penetrates the heart of the listeners more readily than the life of the speaker commends, because what is commanded by speaking, is aided by showing to be done." He benefited his flock to the greatest extent possible, not only through prudence, learning, and holiness, but also to posterity, by composing many books, in which the precepts of the Catholic religion shine with new light, together with a most ardent zeal for pastoral charity. Therefore, Our Predecessor of blessed memory, Hadrian VI, rightly and deservedly, in Apostolic Letters published by his Successor, Clement XI, in which Antoninus was honored with the honors of the Saints, wrote among other things about him: "He had striven not only to benefit those living by preaching aloud, but also, and especially, by leaving very useful works in moral sciences." And another of Our Predecessors of blessed memory, Pius XI, when the fourth century was being celebrated among you, from the time that Antoninus was enrolled among the Saints, in Letters addressed to Cardinal Alfonso M. Mistrangelo, Archbishop of the Florentines, he wrote: "He combined the brightness of innocence with a singular gift of counsel,

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hence Antoninus was known by the name of 'Counselor'; and as for what pertains to learning, he shone brilliantly not only in the Florentine Council, in which he served as a theologian, but also it is evident from his very writings, among which we wish to mention here the celebrated Chronicle, and various works which greatly contribute to fostering piety."

[*Latin ed. p. 189*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 189, recount that the ardent desire for the advancement and continuation of pastoral endeavors, and the writing of volumes, moved him. Animated by this, he, together with God, the Virgin Mary, and the other Cardinals, joined in prayer, meditation, and action. He held the Blessed Virgin Mary not only as his most beloved Mother, but also as the most powerful patroness of the Holy Pastors and an outstanding example. Therefore, whenever he was burdened by grave difficulties, he would, with a confident heart, turn to her, and entrust himself to her most secure protection. Among other things, he wrote about her: "Although the love of a father for his son is stronger, the love of a mother is more tender. And for this reason, a little child turns more readily to his mother for what he desires, than to his father, because he experiences that he obtains what he wants more from his mother than from his father. O, how great is the care of the Blessed Virgin Mother for us. She opens the bosom of her mercy to all, and there is no one who is hidden from the warmth of her benefits." 4 Indeed, how highly and profoundly he felt about the Virgin Mary is easily gathered from these words: "From eternity, God foreknew and foreordained... the Virgin who would be holier than all pure creatures, even the angels." 5 We hope that, if you reflect upon these wise sentiments, and especially these outstanding examples of sanctity, this secular commemoration of St. Antoninus will gently and effectively encourage you to imitate his virtues, with the help of God. For this is what the Saints teach us; they urge and almost compel us with their precepts and their virtuous deeds. Therefore, let us not hesitate to imitate those whom we delight to celebrate. And you, our beloved Son, who, not only through authority, but also through apostolic zeal, pastoral prudence, and other virtues of the mind, serve and enlighten your flock, do your best to ensure that this sacred event contributes in no small measure to salutary results. May you be the mediator of these things, and as a pledge of Our benevolence, We impart the Apostolic Blessing to you, our beloved Son, to the members of the Dominican Order, and to the entire clergy and people of the Archdiocese of Florence, who love us in the Lord. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the twenty-fourth day of the month of February, in the year 1959, in the first year of Our Pontificate. JOHN PP. XXIII

* *Summa Theologica*, Part IV, Title XV, Chapter II.

* *Iudicium*, Part IV, Title XV, Chapter IV.

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[*Latin ed. p. 190*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - 190 Official Commentary to His Excellency, Most Reverend LUDOVICUM SHVOY, Bishop of Alba Regaliensis, celebrating his eightieth birthday. JOHN PP. XXIII. We do not wish to pass by without offering our congratulations and best wishes as you are soon to celebrate your eightieth birthday, Venerable Brother. This is plainly demanded by the special charity with which we regard you, and it is fitting that we express our high esteem for you, a wise pastor, who for a long time has diligently applied your labors and efforts to the benefit and honor of the Church, entrusted to your care. In weighty matters, you have shown prudence and firmness of spirit, and we believe that the Divine Savior will bestow upon you rewards worthy of your merits. May God, through our prayers, add strength to you, may your venerable gray hair be filled with holy joys, and may the hope that shines in your soul, a comfort amidst hardships, be fulfilled with a blessed outcome through the merciful help of heavenly grace. Finally, whatever good and auspicious things are foretold for your birthday, we impart to you, Venerable Brother, and to your clergy and people, our Apostolic Blessing. From the Vatican, on the twenty-eighth day of February, in the year 1959. JOHN PP. XXIII. ADDRESSES I To the Preachers of the Sacred Lenten Season in the City. *• Beloved children, the Lord multiplies the occasions of comfort for our spirit, of joy, and of encouragement for all, in a succession of events and encounters that make the word of the Father addressed to his children ever more confident.* Given on the tenth day of February, in the year 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 191*]

A few days ago, We were meeting at the Retreat of Saints John and Paul of the Passionist Fathers, with the esteemed group of Parish Priests of Rome, gathered around the Most Reverend Cardinal Vicar and the two Vice Vicars. That meeting – and We are pleased to say this to you as well – was a great source of joy for Our spirit. At the beginning of Lent, it is particularly dear to Us to offer you, designated preachers, a "welcome," for the customary, lively, and intense instruction in the sacred doctrine, in preparation for Easter; and to offer, equally with great sincerity, a "welcome" to those who assist in the pastoral ministry of souls.

The voice of the priest is blessed and efficacious at every period of his life; but in youth, and in mature, vigorous years, it acquires a special power of penetration. We are all preachers, and we must be so at the same time: not merely *auditores*, but *factores verbi* – that is to say, not simply listeners and mechanical transmitters, but living witnesses of this divine teaching.

It is the Catholic Epistle of Saint James that contains, precisely, such wise and appropriate admonitions for this gathering, especially concerning the

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conjunction within the same person of those eminent qualities that make the priesthood a truly powerful and persuasive force. Eloquence, which is associated with the excellent expression of the pastoral virtues of the speaker, is the most noble and glorious thing that can be expected of a cleric. Saint Peter Damian joins the twofold praise to the son of the sanctuary, from whom one expects – these are his words – *ut sententiis spiritualis doctrinae exuberet et religiosae vitae splendore coruscet*: that he be most learned in spiritual doctrine, and that he shine with the splendor of holiness.

This union of the two qualities is all the more necessary, since the holy life must reflect its light upon the study of both sacred and profane sciences; for indeed, clarity and the example of virtue are more valuable than great erudition and the carefully cultivated eloquence of speech. Returning to the teachings of the Church Fathers, the affirmation of Saint Gregory in the thirtieth homily on the Gospel becomes even truer: *Otiosus est sermo docentis, si praebere non valet incendium amoris.* (The words of the teacher are useless, if they do not kindle the fire of love.) 1 Timothy 2:2; Book VIII of the letter to Cynthius, 23.

[*Latin ed. p. 192*]

192 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale. The other observation, which follows on the same page, is equally vivid and penetrating: "If there is no one within to teach, the words of the teacher are wasted on the outside air!" 3 This – and we gladly repeat it – is an introduction and a source of encouragement. In fact, the totality of circumstances surrounding Our humble life and yours – the newly appointed Bishop of Roma, Pastor of the universal Church, and your co-laborers in the sacred ministry – open the heart to great hope and even greater joy. Your participation in the weighty task of communicating the sacred doctrine, which is the edification of the Christian people, merits special graces, for the strengthening and benefit of the entire religious community that constitutes the diocese. Allow us to offer a few brief considerations, for the guidance and enlightenment of our ministry of the word. The sacred time of Lent renders them more holy and opportune. They concern the entirety of your speaking to the faithful: by word and by example. We live in turbulent and troubled times, filled with often feverish complications, insatiable and domineering desires, and a resurgence of discord, even among Christians, in civil life. The exercise of sacred preaching, put at the service of the priestly ministry, should be particularly marked by a threefold excellence: wisdom, simplicity, and charity.

I. WISDOM. Wisdom is expressed in the careful selection of the themes of preaching, whether it be the ordinary preaching of the entire year, or the homiletic and catechetical preaching; or whether it be the extraordinary preaching, or that characteristic of Lent and the preparation for the major feasts of the liturgical calendar. From Our initial observations regarding

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the development of religious life in Roma, We note that there is indeed an abundance of sacred preaching in the churches, institutions, and pious associations, with a varied attendance of the faithful; sometimes more, sometimes less, which is consoling. But it may happen that a certain discontinuity of program leaves aside this or that aspect of the doctrine, so that, in various points, there is less adherence to the general program of teaching the entire truth revealed. A suitable and well-studied directory may prove to be a beautiful flower among the many that the upcoming Roman Synod promises us. 3 In Ev. n. 3-5.

[*Latin ed. p. 193*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, 193: Temptation often leads to poetry and literature on more pleasant subjects; or to specializing in apologetics, perhaps dwelling on old forms, without considering the sometimes terrible necessities of the present time, and the progress of pastoral experience. Let us be careful: the people demand substantial bread of truth; let us not give them small fragments or stories, more or less edifying, which do not have a profound impact on the spirit. Some of these themes are especially important and serious; such as: the idea of guilt and punishment; rendering to each one what is due; private and public worship; the sanctification of the feast; the sacred duties of marriage; the education of children; and respect for the human person: and all of this, not with vague erudition, but with vivid and interesting insights of heavenly doctrine. The ideal consists in knowing how to frame the doctrine so well, in due proportions, as to forget nothing, and to direct everything towards the increase of solid intellectual formation. At the first appearance of the priest, and after a few of his words, the faithful – let us say those who, along with the duties of worship and piety, do not forget the equally important duty of religious instruction – perceive the degree of the speaker's remote and recent preparation, the appropriateness of the chosen topic, and the ability to synthesize, so as not to leave the impression that the conclusions seem to stand alone without the premises. A grave duty weighs on the conscience of the speaking priest, and makes him tremble, which is the robust echo of these words of Saint Isidore of Seville: "As in a coin, the figure and weight of the metals are required, so in every ecclesiastical teacher, let it be seen what he teaches and how he lives!"

II. SIMPLICITY. - Simplicity is the great gift of the preacher, who seeks the safest way to touch the depths of consciences. Simplicity is not speaking at random, or extemporaneously, as they say in Rome; it requires serious preparation through prayer and study. It is the exact direction of thought towards the goal to be achieved: it is a measure of the time available, sufficient for the instruction of the faithful, and not for the delight of listening to oneself. Simplicity does not seek to make a good impression, nor to seek out polished words that elicit applause; rather, it is apprehensive of what

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may hinder the movement of grace in souls.

Diem, 3, 6. 13 - ACTA, vol. I, n. 4. - 11-4-1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 194*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 194. Remember the words of Saint Bernard, who says how he prefers to hear the voice of the preacher, who moves him not with applause, but with compassion. Let us recall the great apostles of history, the holy orators of the 14th and 15th centuries, who aroused enthusiasm, not through the forms of philosophical speculation, of abstruseness, and of indeterminate concepts, but with the clear, immediate, appropriate, and fervent expression of divine teaching. They – CHARITY. – Must we, who must be the most convinced apostles of charity, repeat this? We would say, obstinately, even and especially in times of anger? Yes, most beloved children: charity is the hallmark of the good preacher: in his words, in his manner, in his arguments, in the way he treats others, in identifying errors and faults. "Si amatis Deum" – so says Saint Augustine – "rapite omnes ad amorem Dei; rapite quos potestis: hortando, portando, rogando, disputando, rationem reddendo cum mansuetudine, cum lenitate."* It is more fitting, it is more beautiful to praise a sacred orator when souls are led to think: "He is truly the image of the good Jesus. He is his disciple, worthy of veneration: meek and humble of heart." Thus it happened with the most distinguished priests of whom the history of every diocese, and of all religious families, from the most ancient to the most recent, cherishes the memory. Let us think with moved gratitude of the many, many whom We ourselves encountered along the way. The very silence of the assembly, the thoughtful lowering of heads, and then the rush of people to the confessional, become praise of the ecclesiastic. Charity goes hand in hand with truth. Therefore, do not be afraid to repeat this year as well that we have arrived at the days of penance, the days of penance and discipline of the inner and outer senses. Say it in respectful, but unambiguous terms; as Jesus said to his people in his time. Let us prepare ourselves for the contemplation of the Passion and Death of Christ, and of the sorrows of his Mother, our blessed and beloved Mother. Christianity without the cross, without suffering, without the assaults of the evil one, is not and would not be comprehensible. But suffering, of whatever kind,

*Sermo 59 in Cant. Cant. 6. Narr. in Ps. 33, sermo 2, tit.

[*Latin ed. p. 195*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 195: Natura, per la grazia del dono offerto e ricevuto della carità, diventa sopportabile. Ricordiamocelo, e insegniamo ai nostri fedeli a non dimenticarlo. La sofferenza santificata dalla carità avvicina sempre più le anime all'anticipazione della vita intima con Nostro Signore, a quella vita *summe Deo in Christo Iesu* dalla quale si riflette la vita dell'intera Sua Chiesa, la quale, sì, è sofferente, angosciata, e talvolta perse-

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guitata, ma rimane sempre attiva, generosa e vittoriosa. Per concludere, quasi come un riassunto di questo colloquio del Padre con i figli, desideriamo presentarvi questo programma della prossima e di ogni altra predica: Dio ci ha chiamati ad illuminare le coscienze, non a confonderle e a forzarle; ci ha chiamati a parlare con la stessa semplicità con cui si enunciano gli articoli del Credo apostolico, non a complicare il ragionamento, né ad adulare gli uditori; ci ha chiamati a guarire i fratelli, non a terrorizzarli. Così ci assista Gesù benedetto con la Sua grazia, che è *gaudium et pax in Spiritu Sancto*. Così sia.

Alle donne che hanno partecipato al IX Congresso Nazionale, tenuto a Roma dal "Centro Italiano Femminile" (C.I.F.).

Con profonda gioia dell'animo, vi vediamo attorno a Noi, dilettissime figlie del Centro Italiano Femminile, in occasione del vostro IX Congresso Nazionale, e vi diamo il Nostro cordiale benvenuto. Con voi, sentiamo presenti qui tutte le *Socie* del vostro Movimento, che la cura della famiglia e le applicazioni ai doveri quotidiani hanno tenute lontane. Sappiamo che esse guardano a questa casa del Padre comune, dalle città rumorose come dalle umili abitazioni sparse nelle tranquille campagne, dai quartieri periferici come dai villaggi montani e costieri; tutte dunque vogliamo salutare con paterno affetto! La Nostra compiacenza è grande, perché possiamo oggi rivolgere la Nostra parola a voi, e a tutte le donne d'Italia, come voi impegnate nella multiforme attività della vostra organizzazione. Oh, quali tesori di virtù, di generosità, di eroiche rinunce sono racchiusi in questa silenziosa e laboriosa moltitudine di donne Italiane, nelle...

[*Latin ed. p. 196*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 196, to which the serenity of families, the wholesome and proper education of children, the very future of the Church and of the Fatherland are entrusted! Since the Lord has called Us to the supreme governance of His Church, you have often heard about the new Pope, as coming from a modest family in Bergamo. Well, We say this with a feeling of great emotion, and with profound gratitude to God; yes, to Our family, not so poor in truth as some might have presented it, but above all rich in heavenly gifts: to the examples of Our good parents, father and mother, always engraved in Our heart; to the atmosphere of goodness, simplicity, and rectitude that We breathed from childhood, We owe a great deal of Our priestly and apostolic vocation. And just as Our memory spontaneously returns to the family that the Lord has given Us, so certainly yours also dwells and rests on that hearth, in whose warmth the life of each has flourished, thus being oriented from the earliest years towards the good, towards duty, towards God. The family is a most precious gift, which, founded by divine disposition on the diverse and complementary dispositions of the spouses, finds in the woman its vigilant guardian. Therefore, We recommend to women the

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love of family, understood as the natural environment for the development of human personality, and as a providential refuge, in which the storms of life are calmed and softened, the allurements of undisciplined inclinations are extinguished, and the influences of bad examples are combatted. This sanctuary – We say this with sorrow in Our heart – is threatened by so many dangers. A propaganda, sometimes uncontrolled, makes use of the powerful means of the press, of entertainment, and of amusement to spread, especially among the young, the pernicious seeds of corruption. It is necessary that the family defend itself, that women take with courage, and with a sense of responsibility, their place in this work, and that they be tireless in watching over, correcting, and teaching to discern good from evil; taking advantage, also when necessary, of the protection of civil law. The passage from the Gospel, which was read during Holy Mass on this 113th Sunday of Lent, recounts the words of an anonymous woman, who, admiring the wisdom and sovereign calmness of Jesus, exclaims, raising her voice in the midst of the crowd: "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts that nursed You!" Indeed, these words could rightly be addressed to Mary; but they can also be said to all mothers, if their children, in the harsh and difficult paths of life, know how to conduct themselves as true Christians, according to the teachings they have received. Blessed are you also, O women! Luke 11:28.

[*Latin ed. p. 197*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 197. To the mothers of Italy, and how meritorious are your sacrifices and labors, your joys and your tears, if you will know how to remain faithful to your sublime vocation! But we do not wish to forget that today you are gathered here, on the occasion of the National Congress of the Italian Women's Center. Our words of praise therefore go to your Center, which is so dear to Us, because We had the opportunity to become directly acquainted with it in Venice and the Veneto region. Indeed, We saw the zeal and good will of the leaders and promoters; We were able to appreciate with true pleasure the utility, indeed the necessity, of the work carried out, aimed at giving women a full understanding of their greatness, at defending their highest interests, as well as those that appear to be minor in daily life, and at providing them with the most suitable means to fulfill their duties; We were delighted to learn of the beneficial assistance activities, the numerous training courses, the intelligent initiatives of investigation, civic and social education, and culture. Therefore, continue with fervent commitment on this path of work and apostolate, so well suited to the needs of today. We exhort you with the very words of St. Paul, which you have already heard in the Epistle of today's Mass: "Walk in love, as Christ also loved you, and gave himself up for you, an offering and a sacrifice to God, a sweet-smelling fragrance... Walk as children of the light: for the fruit of the light is in all good works, and justice, and truth." 2

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L'amore sia ciò che vi sostiene e riscalda: amore alla famiglia, alla Chiesa, alla Patria; amore che vi spinga a confortare, che vi faccia quasi dimenticare voi stesse, nella ricerca della gloria di Dio, e del bene delle anime. La luce divina sia la vostra guida, il vostro ideale, il vostro proposito: luce da accendere nelle menti e nei cuori dei vostri cari, delle persone amiche, anche di quelle lontane; luce che attende la vostra mano per brillare sul candelabro, e diffondersi intorno a voi. E perchè dalla vostra azione scaturiscano i frutti amabili di ogni bontà, e giustizia, e verità; perchè dal vostro Convegno maturino i propositi e i programmi più generosi ed efficaci, Noi eleviamo al Signore una fervida preghiera. And that from your actions may spring forth the pleasing fruits of all goodness, justice, and truth; and that from your Congress may ripen the most generous and effective intentions and programs, We raise to the Lord a fervent prayer. And to attract upon each of you and upon your Movement the abundant gifts of Heaven, We impart from our heart to the Presidency of the Center, to all the Leaders and Members, to the women of Italy, and to all those who are closest to the heart of each of you, Our comforting Apostolic Blessing.

2 Ephesians 5, 2, 8-9.

[*Latin ed. p. 198*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 198 III To the Priests from the Apostolic Union of the Clergy, gathered in Rome from throughout Italy, marking the centennial of the death of Saint John M. Vianney.

Our heart rejoices with the sweetest joy in contemplating your distinguished assembly, Venerable Brothers and beloved sons, priests, who, having accepted the invitation of the Apostolic Union of the Clergy, have gathered in special meetings of spiritual joy to honor the heavenly Patron of the aforementioned Union, Saint John Vianney, the Parish Priest of Ars, whose first centennial of death will be celebrated next August 4th. If it is always great and full of joy that we feel in welcoming numerous groups of the faithful, and the elected representatives of various Associations and Congresses, today it has a particularly special tone. Your presence awakens in Our heart the same sentiments that Our Predecessor, Saint Leo the Great, expressed in one of his homilies: "For as regards what truly pertains to the feeling of my soul, I confess that I rejoice greatly in the devotion of all of you. And when I see this most splendid gathering of my venerable priests, I feel that an angelic assembly is present among us. And I do not doubt that we are visited today by the abundant grace of the divine presence, when together are present, and shine with a single light, so many magnificent tabernacles of God."

Therefore, we open ourselves with simple confidence to a cordial colloquy with you, Venerable Brothers and beloved sons. Among the universal concerns of the Supreme Pontificate, we are greatly comforted by the sight of the compact unity and the wonderful harmony that the diocesan

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clergy offers to Our gaze. Like a lamp placed on a candlestick, like a city built on a hill, it is a peaceful and generous force, which, by its example alone, edifies souls, and makes the sanctifying work of the Church shine with radiant light. High ideals sustain Our priests, today as always. They desire a perfect priestly life, one that does not compromise with the spirit of the age; they want to strengthen the bonds of priestly fraternity, so that the spiritual and pastoral life of each, overcoming the limits of solitude, may develop with redoubled fervor and greater effectiveness; they apply themselves with tireless diligence to the formulation and resolution of the ever-new problems of the apostolate of today.

Given on this 12th day of March in the year 1959.

1 Serm. II, cap. II; ML 54, 143.

[*Latin ed. p. 199*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 199. We are deeply pleased by this. But, on the other hand, we are not unaware of the dangers that the enemy of man ceaselessly sows, even among the most holy works. Nor do we fail to see how a misguided spirit of conquest, and a fervent search for novelty, can produce a dangerous loss of genuine priestly virtues. We therefore wish to entrust you with some recollections of this day, so that the consideration of the greatness and duties of the common priesthood may be an encouragement to maintain firm and robust the commitment to render as perfect as possible the service that the Lord has entrusted to you.

1. The priest is, above all and primarily, a "man of God," *vir Dei*. This is how the Christian people think of you, and this is what the Disciples desired. Therefore, strive to conform your life to those pure thoughts that such a definition itself evokes in your heart. By saying "man of God," everything that is not God is excluded from the priest. A true priest is he who, like Abraham, chosen to be the "father of many nations," has forever abandoned everything to follow the divine voice. For it was said to him: "And the Lord said to Abram: Go forth out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and out of thy father's house, and come into the land which I shall shew thee." (Gen 12:1)

2. Upon this promised land, there rises, for the true priest, the cross. He seeks nothing other than Christ, "et hunc crucifixum." In truth, the eternal and invisible God is revealed in Jesus; and the priest must have his eyes trained to discover the "Mediator Dei et hominum," who points to the Father. "How long is it ago that I am with you, and you know not me? He that hath seen me, hath seen also the Father." (Io. 14, 9)

3. Let your life be imbued with the sweet fragrance of Christ, in the ardent love for Him that leads us to the Father. This is the true foundation of a priestly life filled with intimate peace, and with irresistible charm for souls. Therefore, we say to you: "The love of Christ and the love of silence."

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May Jesus Christ be your only friend and comforter, in the vigils before the Tabernacle, or at the study table, in the care of the poor and the sick, in the ministry of sacred preaching. Seek only Him, considering human things in His light, in order to win them over to Him. Take upon yourselves His gentle yoke and His light burden, practicing the virtues proper to every consecrated life: dedication to the Lord and to souls, tireless work for the Church, the practice of the fourteen works of mercy, obedience.

[*Latin ed. p. 200*]

200 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - An Official Commentary for the prompt and sincere conduct of the Bishop, with due respect and a virile tenderness towards holy things. Our Lord Jesus Christ is not found in a dissipated life, even if the most sacred reasons of the ministry were invoked. For this reason, we have also told you: "Love of silence." Silence is a sure safeguard of all virtues, especially chastity and charity; it is a guarantee of effective pastoral work. Therefore, always and in all things, be true men of God, silently engaged in the pursuit of perfection and charity, "in Christ Jesus our Lord."

2. Another thought, familiar to Us, which We wish to communicate to you, Venerable Brothers and beloved sons, which We already declared to the faithful of Rome and of the world, on the day when We took possession of Our Cathedral, the Archbasilica of the Lateran. Explaining the august significance of the solemn liturgical rite, We drew attention to two objects more precious than all others on the altar: "the Book and the Chalice." And We said: "The Bishop and all the priests in his collaboration express the first characteristic of the pastoral mission of the Church: the teaching of the sacred doctrine. Here you have the two Testaments in the Missal; here you have in the announcement made to the people the principal and highest point of the Catholic priesthood... It is here that We wish first of all to affirm the sacred character of the pastoral ministry: robust, brilliant, and fascinating catechesis." Even today, in repeating these words to you, We wish to indicate to you as the principal source of true doctrine, and of wholesome nourishment for the pastoral mission, the holy Books. Compendiums and manuals of preaching, and even the most complete theological journals, are not enough if this foundation is lacking; and even less is sufficient for your intellectual and interior life, the multicolored and subtly seductive printing that disturbs the inner silence and the conversation of the consecrated soul with its God. As Our Predecessor, St. Gregory the Great, of whose feast day we celebrate today, warned: "For indeed, the heart flows away among human words; and it is certainly clear that the heart, struck by the tumult of external occupations, must constantly strive, so that through the study of learning it may rise again."

4. We therefore recommend to you the diligent study of the Holy Scriptures, of theology, of the sacred sciences, in the light of the living magis-

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terium of the Church, which will always keep you young in spirit, and will protect you from the danger of giving to others an imprecise, or obscure, or presumptuous, or monotonous teaching. Souls seek the word of Christ, and the priest must communicate it to them in its integrity and freshness.

4 Reg. Past., p. I I, cap. X I.

[*Latin ed. p. 201*]

"Beside the Book, behold the Chalice," we said. "The most mysterious and sacred part of the Eucharistic Liturgy takes place around the chalice of Jesus, which contains His precious Blood. Jesus is our Savior, and we participate mystically in His Body, which is the Holy Church. Christian life is sacrifice. In the sacrifice animated by charity lies the merit of our conformity to what was the ultimate purpose of Jesus' earthly life." Even today, we exhort you with paternal affection to make the Sacred Mysteries the center of your days. There is no perfection, nor true love of God and Christ, without a deep devotion to the Eucharist, which is the life of all the faithful, but especially of priests. In it, the Lord gently invites us, by His example, to dedicate ourselves to souls, to love self-denial, to be obedient as He was, even to death and the death of the Cross.

The priest who lives by the Book and the Chalice preserves intact his vocation "until the day of Christ Jesus."

As a final reminder of our meeting, we commend to you another great love, which must transform your lives: the love of souls. We know that this is your ideal, but do not consider our admonition superfluous. It is prompted by a consideration that grieves the pastors of souls: why, after so many efforts and sacrifices, after countless sowings, is the fruit often so meager? Why, even when using all the means of the apostolate, do not the dead children of the Church rise, as in the case of the boy who, through the action of the prophet Elisha's servant, of whom the liturgy of this Quaresima speaks, remained lifeless? "The boy did not rise!"

Sometimes, spiritual miracles do not occur because the intention is not always pure; perhaps because we do not always and only seek the good of souls, sacrificing ourselves for them; perhaps because we trust too much in means that are similar to human ones, and therefore fragile, without grounding ourselves in prayer and total sacrifice. True love for souls, therefore, means constant work on our own sanctification, with the use of the classic means that the Church instills with particular emphasis, especially during the time of Lent: "And he said to them: This kind can go out by nothing, but by prayer and fasting." It means, therefore, love for prayer and contemplation, the practice of penance, and a continuous pursuit of ascetic improvement – without, however, using forms...

[*Latin ed. p. 202*]

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sively restrict or stifle the mature personality of each individual. In communicating these thoughts to you, a great example presents itself to Our and your gaze, in the radiant figure of the Holy Parish Priest of Ars, who truly lived, beyond all pretense and rhetoric, the ideals of the priestly life. He was a man of God: he loved the Altar and the pure sources of Revelation, he touched the souls with the mystical rod of purification, and actively cooperated in their salvation. It has been said that "the graces of conversion, obtained through the prayers and, above all, through the Holy Mass of the Curate Vianney, will never be forgotten." And his simple and sincere preaching reached the hearts of all, working wonders of grace – while at one time he had been judged to be lacking in intellectual gifts! What more convincing proof is there that human resources do not win souls, but only the virtue of God, which works through His docile instruments? We therefore urge you once again to live in the perfection of your vocation; and raising to Heaven a fervent prayer, we ask the Lord, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, and of the Holy Patron of the Apostolic Union of the Clergy, that He may confirm you in your holy purposes, and grant you the sweet fruits of the Spirit: "charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity." 3 As confirmation of these heavenly gifts, and as renewed proof of Our paternal benevolence, We impart to Our Venerable Brothers present here, as well as to the National Leaders of the meritorious Apostolic Union of the Clergy, and to all Our beloved priests, the propitiatory Apostolic Blessing. IV To those who attended the International "Symposium" on the prevention of diseases in individual citizens, held in Rome. * A deep satisfaction fills Our heart as We welcome you to Our presence, beloved sons participating in the International Symposium on individual prophylaxis, and members of the International Medical Commission of the Committee for Unity and Universality of Culture. On March 18th of the year 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 203*]

From the Acts of Pope John XXIII, 203: You, having dedicated your laborious days to study, have wished to come to receive Our Blessing, and this delicate thought, which illuminates with vivid splendor the dispositions that animate you in your exalted activity, brings Us profound joy. Therefore, you are most welcome!

We desire, above all, to rejoice with you: not only for the number, importance, and complexity of the topics discussed during your Congress, but also, and especially, for the charitable sensitivity that has spurred you to dedicate your studies to the examination of problems so important, not only for medical science, but also for public opinion and Christian morality. As Vicar on earth of He who willed to become our brother, We love to note with profound satisfaction the generous and selfless efforts that, in any field of science and culture, are directed towards the improvement

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and elevation of the human person, created in the image and likeness of God, and redeemed by the blood of Christ. By studying diseases, disorders, physical and psychological anomalies, which can obscure the splendor of this divine spark, which is reason, you dedicate yourselves with passionate diligence to alleviating the ills of man, to determining their causes, and to discovering their remedies. Your profession, and the studies that you tirelessly pursue, are therefore a work of charity, a fraternal aid that you offer to those who suffer; almost as if you were taking upon yourselves the pains of your neighbor in order to heal them, and, in the face of agonizing questions that remain unresolved, to seek to mitigate or even eliminate them.

Therefore, beloved children, We urge you to always see your exalted mission in the loving and gentle light of charity. It will sustain you in your vigils at the bedside of the sick, or in your study rooms, in your laboratory research, and in the teaching you impart to your students; it will give a supernatural value to your tireless efforts.

At the same time, We are well persuaded of the serious difficulties of your studies, and of the often insurmountable obstacles that stand in your way. We would therefore also like to point out another virtue, which is a source of perpetual joy and true optimism. It is humility, which is nourished by truth, and which is rooted in confidence in God. This is a consideration that We wish to communicate to you in cordial simplicity, as it arose in Us when considering the topics that you have just discussed, among which are the early detection of neuropsychiatric morbid imbalances and mental illnesses and moral perversions, and the early detection of tumors. Faced with such problems of enormous significance, and from whose solution...

[*Latin ed. p. 204*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 204: Such great benefits are anticipated for the family, while a sense of admiration is due to you, who so clearly establish them; moreover, the inadequacy of even the most persistent efforts is felt, if these are not inspired by the greatest humility and confidence. Recognizing one's own limitations is the starting point for every lasting achievement, in the order of nature and grace. To rely, in addition to one's own abilities, on the irreplaceable help of God, is the secret of every certain progress. To Him, therefore, the source of true wisdom and the inspirer of righteous intentions, our prayer ascends for each of you, for your beloved families, for your studies and research, for your patients; and as a pledge of continued divine assistance, and as a confirmation of our profound esteem, we impart to you, from the heart, the propitious Apostolic Blessing.

TO THE FAITHFUL OF JAPAN: The Apostolic Station of the Vatican City, on certain days, began to emit waves through the ether in the Japanese

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language.

"Our mouth is open to you, O Japanese; our heart is enlarged. 1 On this most happy day, in which you have surpassed so many lands and oceans, for the first time it is permitted to speak from the City of the Vatican to Japan by radio. May the voice of our heart reach you, most beloved, you, the Vicars of Japan, priests, religious brethren, sacred virgins, of whatever order, faithful; may blessing, peace, the solace of good hope, and the joy of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

2 You, witnesses of Jesus Christ, the hope of all the ends of the earth, diligently devote yourselves to these islands, so that your Christian faith may shine ever more brightly through the benign wisdom of the word and the absolute integrity of your works: "Let your modesty be known to all men... Whatever is holy, whatever is lovable, whatever is of good reputation, if there is any virtue, if there is any praise, think on these things. Whatever you have learned... practice it." 3

* February 10, 1959.

2 Cf. Psalm 64, 6.

3 1 Corinthians 6, 11.

[*Latin ed. p. 205*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 205. Let the people of Japan, renowned for the praise of humanity, the strength of fortitude, the quiet tolerance of their ancestors, and the brilliance of the arts, know that they are often, and even now, inflamed with the most fervent prayers to the Word of God, which illuminates every man coming into this world. Invoking the patronage of the Virgin Mary, we offer this prayer: O Orient, splendor of the eternal light and sun of justice, illuminate the Japanese with the fullness of your light; incline their wills to embrace the pious and abundant riches of your Gospel with the help of your grace; grant them protection from evils, the abundance of your providence, happy events, and whatever is good and beautiful, now and forever, with your benevolent generosity. Amen.

NOTICES WRITTEN AND GIVEN TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE FIRST NATIONAL SPANISH CONGRESS ON THE FAMILY.

Aware of the fundamental role that the institution of the family plays in every society rightly ordered, the organizers of that Congress have desired that specialists in these matters dedicate a few days to the study of the problems related to the family in the modern world. Considering the responsibility that falls upon Us as Father and Pastor of the flock entrusted to Us by Jesus Christ, We have graciously accepted the desire that has been expressed to receive Our Blessing, along with a word of exhortation and encouragement for the labors of such an important Assembly.

God has placed in the heart of man three loves, primarily, which are nourished by Him and ennoble Him: the love of spouses, the love of par-

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ents, and filial love. To tear away or paralyze these affections would seem a profanation of something sacred, which would inevitably lead to the ruin of the homeland and of humanity. The dignity, rights, and duties of the home, established by God Himself as the vital cell of society, are therefore as ancient as the world; they are the foundation of social well-being.

Jesus Christ has dignified marriage, elevating this contract between the baptized to the category of sacrament, and He also wished to sanctify it.

[*Latin ed. p. 206*]

206 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale. With its example, family life becomes a member of a home, a mirror of the most beautiful virtues. To restore this institution to its purest essence; to provide for the family in its material needs and in the provision of goods and services that society owes it to fulfill its mission; to revive within it the Christian spirit, which in Spanish tradition has a beautiful history, in harmony, indeed, with the circumstances of modern life, but without the new reality diminishing the validity of the essential principles; all of this cannot but be considered a meritorious service to the Catholic cause, worthy of Our approval and praise. Therefore, we sincerely desire that every home may become, in imitation of that of Nazareth, a sanctuary of piety and a school of virtues. We hope that this Congress may achieve such beneficial effects, ensuring that the Spanish family preserves the Christian fragrance that ennobles it, so that its influence may extend over the entire social fabric of that beloved country and even of the community of nations. We always have vivid in our memory the memories that we gathered from Our travels to Spain: a most pleasing impression was caused to Us, in particular, by the flourishing of its families with their clusters of children, in whose eyes we saw shine that trait of candid transparency and innocent smile that captivated Our heart. We gladly express our most cordial wishes for the success of these gatherings, while with all pleasure we send to the organizers and participants of the I National Congress of the Family Our paternal Apostolic Blessing. The Vatican, February 10, 1959. IOANNES PP. XXIII. TO THE FAITHFUL NATIONS OF MEDIAE AMERICAE, CELEBRATING THE FIRST EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN THE CITY OF GUATEMALA. With great emotion, We address you at this moment with Our paternal greeting, beloved sons and daughters of Guatemala and of the other sister Republics who are gathered here to conclude the I Central American Eucharistic Congress. We wish to express to you the deep comfort that We have found in the celebration of these days of triumph for the Eucharistic King before the

[*Latin ed. p. 207*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 207: And you have raised your prayers, asking for Our intentions, for the sanctification of the home, the Church of Silence,

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and for the reign of justice and peace under the dominion of Christ. The Holy Host is raised today above your heads, like a radiant star, as the center of that magnificent scene formed by the mountain ranges that surround your beautiful cities, with their precious gardens and their abundant greenery. And it is this Star that We desire to illuminate your entire life, kindling the fire of your charity and solidifying with Christian virtues the bonds of your family, social, national, and international life. "He hath gathered us together in one, Christ's love" (Galatians 3:13): the union of the entire flock under the staff of a single Shepherd, the unity of all the faithful. Was this not His ultimate will? Was this not the purpose of His most insistent prayer: "that they may all be one" (John 17:21)? The Eucharist, infusing in the heart of man a new energy, supernatural love, strengthens, directs, and purifies human affection, making it more solid, more authentic. It is the whole man, when he has God in his heart, who remains harmonized within himself, strengthening his personality, so that even natural virtues are elevated in rank and stimulated until they mature into the ideal type of perfect man, made in the image of God and conformed to the pattern of His Son, in whom the Father finds all His delight.

2. In the same way, relationships between human beings acquire a new character for those who possess God, because the Eucharist, by generating and nourishing true love, sweetens the spirits, restrains desires, calms the disturbances of the soul, and effectively impels to good works, to justice, to mercy. Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar is truly and more than in any other manifestation, God with us. He is love that is given, and therefore, in Him, the highest spiritual union can be realized between spouses; He is love that sacrifices itself, and therefore He sanctifies and transforms the sacrifices proper to marriage, giving stability to family life. What a magnificent school of virtues is a sanctuary for the members of the home! Moreover, all concord among men can find the purest source in this fountain of charity, as an extension of the reality (John 14:21). 3 (Matthew 17:5).

[*Latin ed. p. 208*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale 208 concerning the friendship produced internally between the soul and God, between soul and soul. In the realm of civil life, universalist and communal tendencies are increasingly strengthened, in order to respond to fundamental demands of human nature, which today, more than in other times, manifests and boldly affirms its essential unity. But in the religious sphere, the Church possesses this seed of unity, which, rather than nullifying or weakening natural bonds, strengthens and ennobles them: it is the Eucharist. "For we are one bread, and one body: because that the bread is divided, we, being many, are one body." This longing is reflected in the Liturgy, which invites us to pray that the Lord grant to His Church "the gifts of unity and peace, which are mystically represented by the gifts"

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offered on the altar. 4 Therefore, beloved sons, contemplate that Holy Host and ask the Lord to bless your homes with the most perfect harmony and fidelity, with the fruit of many priestly and religious vocations among your children; may He illuminate the actions of your rulers and grant just balance to the social life of your peoples; may He keep you steadfast in the faith so deeply rooted in your traditions, but today, alas, threatened by so many enemies of unity; may He fill your homes with prosperity and grant true progress to your nations. These are also our wishes and our most fervent supplications to the Love of Loves, while, as a testimony of our benevolence, we impart to our most worthy Cardinal Legate, to the venerable Episcopate, to the Authorities, to the Clergy, and to all the faithful, our most ample and fervent Apostolic Blessing. The Vatican, 15th of February, 1959. IOANNES PP. XXIII

3 1 4 Secret Prayer of the Mass of the "Corpus Domini." 1 Corinthians 10:17.

[*Latin ed. p. 209*]

ACTS OF POPE PII XII, ACTA PII 209, PAPAL CONSTITUTIONS, I. CARACAS-CALABOZO (MARACAY), A PORTION OF THE TERRITORY IS SEPARATED FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CARACAS AND THE DIOCESE OF CALABOZO, AND IS INCORPORATED INTO A NEW DIOCESE, TO BE CALLED MARACAY.

PIUS, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE EVERLASTING RECORD:

We, who by the will of God have undertaken the cares of the Supreme Pontificate, rejoice above all when we see the holy Church, watered with the blood of Christ and established for the salvation of all mankind, flourishing and excelling in charity, and bearing the fruits of holiness. And since this has happened in a singular way in the Sees of Caracas and Calaboz□ at this time, the venerable Raphael Forni, Archbishop with the title of Aeginensis, and also Apostolic Nuncio in the Republic of Venezuela, and also the civil authority of that Republic, earnestly requested that a new diocese be established by dividing those same Sees. Since this is so, after hearing the opinion of the venerable Fathers Raphael Ignatius Arias Blanco, Archbishop of Caracas, and Dominic Roa, Bishop of Calaboz□, and supplementing their consent with those who have some right in this matter, by Our supreme and apostolic authority We decree and order the following:

We separate from the Archdiocese of Caracas and the Diocese of Calaboz□ that portion of territory which comprises the civil region, or State, as they call it, commonly known as Aragua, and from it We establish a new diocese, to be called Maracay, taking its name from the principal city, and We place it under the Archdiocese of Caracas as a suffragan See. The boundaries of this diocese shall extend as follows: to the north and east, it shall be bounded by the Archdiocese of Caracas and the Diocese of Cal-

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aboz□; to the south, by Calabozo.

[*Latin ed. p. 210*]

210 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary concerning the Church in Uzes; and to the west, the dioceses of Calabozo and Valencia in Venezuela. The Bishop shall establish his seat in the city of Maracay; and he shall place the cathedral in the church of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is located there, and we bestow upon it the title of cathedral, with all its privileges. We grant to this diocese and to the Bishop all those rights which are customarily granted to other churches of the same rank, and we also impose upon him the duties which are appropriate to his dignity. A College of Canons shall be established in the new diocese. Furthermore, as soon as possible, diocesan consultors shall be appointed, who shall cease from their duties and form a new body. At least an elementary seminary shall be established, to receive boys called to the priesthood, in accordance with the norms of common law and of the Sacred Congregation for Seminaries and Universities. When the young men have reached the age of adolescence, and are to be instructed in theology and philosophy, the best among them shall be sent to Rome, to the Pontifical College for Latin America. The episcopal table, which is customary, shall be provided: through collections from the faithful, revenues from the curia, and a suitable portion of goods, which will be allocated to the new diocese, in accordance with canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law. As for the governance and administration of the diocese, the election of a Capitular Vicar in the event of a vacancy, and other matters of this kind, all shall be regulated by canon law. Concerning the clergy, we decree that priests shall be assigned to that diocese in which they hold an office or benefice; and that other clerics shall be assigned to the diocese in which they have a legitimate domicile. We also command that all documents and records which in any way pertain to the established Church shall be sent to its episcopal curia, and shall be kept there with due care. Furthermore, we desire that these Letters of Ours be carried into effect by the Most Reverend Father Raphael Forni, having been provided with the necessary faculties for this purpose, which he may also delegate to others, if he deems it advisable, provided that the person is of ecclesiastical standing. After the business has been concluded, he shall draw up the necessary documents, and shall send copies of them to the Sacred Congregation for the Consistory without delay. If, at that time, another person is presiding over the same Apostolic Nunciature in the Republic of Venezuela, he shall carry out Our instructions. We will and order that these Letters be effective now and in the future; so that those things which have been decreed by them shall be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their full force. Nothing, of any kind, shall be able to obstruct the effectiveness of these Letters, since by

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these Letters we abrogate all contrary prescriptions. Therefore, if anyone, whether endowed with authority or not, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that such action be declared null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to alter or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, copies and excerpts of these Letters, or printed versions thereof, shall be—

[*Latin ed. p. 211*]

The acts of Pope Pius XII, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person holding ecclesiastical office and are also signed by a public notary, shall be held to be entirely valid, just as if they were proven. Whoever, in any way, disregards or rejects Our decrees in general, let him know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the twenty-first day of the month of June, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, the twentieth year of Our pontificate.

CELSUS Cardinal COSTANTINI

MARCELLUS Cardinal MIMMI

8. R. E.

Chancellor

8. Congregation Consistorialis

a Secretis

Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancellor

Francis Hannibal Ferretti, Apostolic Prothonotary

Bernardus De Felicis, Apostolic Prothonotary

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CONCERNING THE DIOCESES OF CARACAS, ITALIA (CIUDAD BOLÍVAR), BARCELONA, CUMANÁ, AND MATURÍN IN VENEZUELA, WHICH ARE UNDER THE METROPOLITAN CHURCH OF CARACAS, AND FROM WHICH A NEW ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE IS FORMED, TO BE CALLED (CIUDAD BOLÍVAR), OF WHICH THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CIUDAD BOLÍVAR WILL BE THE SEAT, WHICH THEREFORE IS RAISED TO THE RANK OF A METROPOLITAN CHURCH.

PIUS, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE PERPETUAL COMMEMORATION OF THIS EVENT.

It is with great joy that We are filled, as, through the division of diocesan territories and the establishment of new ecclesiastical provinces, We are led to hope that We may better and more appropriately serve the needs of the faithful. Therefore, since We have undertaken, by the will of God, to govern

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the entire Church, We accept the responsibility of...

[*Latin ed. p. 212*]

212 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary, and we deemed it fitting to commend the prayers of the venerable Brother Raphael Forni, Archbishop with the title of Aeginensis and Apostolic Nuncio in the Republic of Venezuela, who requested from this Holy See that, after the ecclesiastical province of Caracus was divided, a new province be established. Therefore, having heard what the venerable Brother Raphael Ignatius Arias Blanco, Archbishop of Caracus, thought about this matter, and with the consent of those who have some authority in this matter, by Our supreme authority We decree and order the following. From the metropolitan jurisdiction of the archiepiscopal Church of Caracus, We exempt the cathedral churches of the City of Bolivarensis, the church of Barcinonensem in Venezuela, the church of Cumanensem, and the church of Maturinensem, which We recently established; We likewise release from the metropolitan jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Caracus, for the time being, the sacred pastors of these churches; from these dioceses, We establish a new ecclesiastical province, to be called "City of Bolivarensis," and to be bounded by the same limits as the dioceses mentioned above. Furthermore, We adorn the cathedral church of the City of Bolivarensis with the title and dignity of an archiepiscopal metropolitan See, with all the rights and privileges that other Sees of the same rank enjoy; and We place the dioceses of Barcinonensem in Venezuela, Cumanensem, and Maturinensem as suffragan dioceses under it. Moreover, We invest the Prelate of the City of Bolivarensis, that is, the venerable Brother John Joseph Bernal Ortiz, and his successors, with the rank and insignia of an Archbishop Metropolitan, granting them all the rights and privileges; but We also impose upon them the duties and obligations by which other Metropolitans throughout the world are distinguished and held accountable; We grant them, in the first place, the power to carry the cross before them, but only within the boundaries of their ecclesiastical province, and to wear the sacred pallium, after they have duly requested and obtained it in a public Consistory. We likewise place the Bishops of Barcinonensem in Venezuela, Cumanensem, and Maturinensem under their jurisdiction. Finally, We order that the Canon Chapter of the cathedral of the City of Bolivarensis be raised to the rank, title, and dignity of a metropolitan Chapter, with all the rights and privileges, and also with the obligations that are customary for such Chapters. Furthermore, all of these matters will be overseen by the venerable Brother Raphael Forni, whom We mentioned above; We grant him all the faculties necessary for this purpose, and We authorize him to delegate to any person, if necessary, provided that such person is duly constituted in ecclesiastical dignity, and We impose upon him the task of preparing the documents pertaining to the completed matter, and of sending copies of them to the

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Sacred Congregation Consistorial as soon as possible. And so that, when these matters are being carried out, if another should be present,

[*Latin ed. p. 213*]

The Acts of Pope Pius XII, page 213. The Apostolic Nuncio of the Venetian Republic presides, bearing the same burdens, and enjoying the same powers. We will and desire that these Letters be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those things which are decreed through them be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their force. No prescriptions of any kind whatsoever will be able to oppose the efficacy of these Letters, since through these Letters we abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, no one is permitted to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these Letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a man established in ecclesiastical dignity, and which have been signed by a public notary, shall be held to be entirely valid, just as if they were the original, if it should be demonstrated. Whoever in any way disregards or rejects Our decrees in general, let him know that he will incur the penalties established by law, which are imposed upon those who do not obey the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the twenty-first day of the month of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, the twentieth year of Our pontificate.

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Bernardus De Felicis, Prot. Apost.
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In Ap. Cane, tab., vol. LXXXXVIII, n. 17.

[*Latin ed. p. 214*]

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LYDENBURG AND ITALIAN TERRITORIES (VOLKSRUSTEN)

AFTER SEPARATING CERTAIN TERRITORIES FROM THE DIOCESES OF LYDENBURG AND BREMERSDORP, AND FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DURBAN, A NEW APOSTOLIC PREFECTURE IS ESTABLISHED, TO BE CALLED ((VOLKSRUSTEN)).

PIUS, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD,

FOR THE EVERLASTING REMEMBRANCE,

Just as a small tree, at the first of spring, raises its branches towards the air, so the holy Church, fruitful with the dew of grace, always brings forth new fruits, and calls all peoples and nations, who are devoted to vain and deluded religions, to salvation, and, displaying the light of the most splendid truth, directs them towards the eternal horizons with the sweetest influence. Indeed, the progress of the Church in southern Africa is a witness to this; there, things have proceeded so happily and so prosperously that it seems opportune to establish a new apostolic prefecture there for greater fruitfulness.

Therefore, after having heard the venerable Fathers Celestinus Joseph Damiano, Archbishop with the title of Nicopolis in Epirus, and also Apostolic Delegate in southern Africa, and the Ordinary prelates concerned, and having obtained their consent, and those who might consider the matter to be of their own jurisdiction, having fully approved the things which the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, having been given by Us the powers previously, has decreed concerning this matter, We decree and order the following:

From the Diocese of Lydenburg, we separate the civil regions or districts, as they are commonly called, namely Ermelo, Bethal, Standerton, Volksrust, Amersfoort, Wakkerstroom, which are assigned to the Congregation of Missionaries of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; and from the Diocese of Bremersdorp, which is entrusted to the care of the Order of the Servants of Mary, we detach the district popularly known as Piet Retief; and finally, from the Archdiocese of Durban, which is governed by the Fathers of the Congregation of the Oblates of the Most Holy Virgin Immaculate, we separate the civil districts of Newcastle, Utrecht, Dundee, Klip Ei vier, Helpmekaar, and those parts of the civil districts commonly called Msinga, Weenan, and Bergville, which are situated to the north of the Tugela River.

From these territories thus taken together, We establish a new apostolic prefecture, to be called the Prefecture of Volksrusten, the governance and administration of which shall be entrusted to the members of the Order of

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the Friars Minor, for Our...

[*Latin ed. p. 215*]

Acts of Pope Pius XII, 215, and the decree of this Apostolic See. We earnestly exhort them that those who have sought distant lands for the love of God, may seek the glory of God alone, setting aside their own concerns, and may strive for that end. Furthermore, those rights and honors which, by Canon Law, belong to the Apostolic Prefectures, we also grant to Volksrust. Moreover, we impose suitable duties upon the Apostolic Prefect. Furthermore, this Our decree will be carried out by the venerable Brother Celsus Joseph Damian, either by himself, or by a legate, provided that he is duly constituted in ecclesiastical dignity, and possesses the necessary authority for that purpose. In fact, the documents must be drawn up, and sincere copies sent promptly to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. If, at that time, another person presides over the Apostolic Delegation in southern Africa, he shall carry out Our mandates. We will and desire that these Letters be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those things which have been decreed through them will be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their force. No prescriptions of any kind can be contrary to the effectiveness of these Letters, since through these Letters we abolish all such things. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely void and of no effect. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these Letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person duly constituted in ecclesiastical dignity, and which are also signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented. Let anyone who in any way disregards or rejects these Our decrees know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the third day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, the twentieth year of Our Pontificate.

Celsus, Cardinal.

Constantine Peter, Cardinal.

Fumasoni Biondi, Cardinal.

Hamletus Tondini, Secretary.

Bernardus De Felici, Secretary.

Caesar Federici, Apostolic Prothonotary.

Bernardus De Felici, Apostolic Prothonotary.

[*Latin ed. p. 216*]

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(UMUAHIANA) From the Diocese of Owerri in Nigeria, certain territories are separated, and a new diocese is established, to be called "Umuahia."

PIUS, BISHOP, SERVUS SERVORUM DEI, for the perpetual memory of the matter:

Having diligently fulfilled the principal duty entrusted to us by divine providence, namely, to bring all those who do not yet profess the true religion to the light of the Gospel, we diligently strive to provide them with suitable means to come to know the one true God and Lord.

Since our venerable Brothers, the Most Reverend Cardinals, Prefects of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, have judged it to be very opportune for the promotion of the Christian faith among idolaters if a new diocese were to be established from the Diocese of Owerri in Nigeria, and since, having previously granted us the necessary authority, the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith has decreed this, and after having heard the opinion of the Most Excellent Man Edastus Mojaisky-Perrelli, Apostolic Delegate in British East and West Africa, and with the consent of those who have any right in this matter, and fully approving the judgment of the same Sacred Congregation, we, by our supreme authority, decree and order the following:

From the Diocese of Owerri, we separate the territories of the civil districts, commonly known as Okigwi, Bende, and Aba, and from these, we establish a new diocese, to be called "Umuahia," and we define its boundaries by the same regions from which it is formed.

This diocese, we subordinate as a suffragan to the Metropolitan See of Onitsha, and we entrust its administration to priests from the indigenous clergy. The seat of the diocese and the residence of the Bishop will be in the city of Umuahia; and the Bishop will place the cathedral in the principal church of that city.

We grant to the newly established Church and its sacred Prelate all the rights that belong to it by its order; and we also impose upon the Bishop the duties that are appropriate to his episcopal office.

If possible, a College of Canons should be established; but if not, diocesan consultants should be appointed for the time being, to assist the Bishop in his work and counsel. Furthermore, a seminary, at least an elementary one, should be built, to receive boys of *bonae spei* and to educate them for the ministry, according to the norms and laws, whether of common law or of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

The table, which is called the episcopal table, shall be established: the Curia.

[*Latin ed. p. 217*]

From the Acts of Pope Pius XII, 217; concerning the collection from the people; goods, if any, pertaining to the Church of Owerri, in proportion,

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according to Canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law; and finally, the money which the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith is accustomed to send. The governance and administration of the diocese, the election of the Capitular Vicar, in the vacancy of the See, the rights and obligations of the clergy and the people, and other matters of this kind, shall be regulated by Canon Law. Furthermore, documents and records pertaining to the new See shall be sent to its episcopal curia, and shall be kept there in the archive of ecclesiastical affairs. Moreover, we wish that these things which we have commanded be carried out by the Most Excellent Sir Edastus Mojaisky-Perrelli, whom we remember, either by himself or by a representative, with the necessary means provided for that purpose. When the matter is completed, he will take care to draw up the documents, and will promptly send true copies thereof to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. If, at the time when these things must be done, another person presides over the Apostolic Delegation for Western and Eastern British Africa, that person shall carry out these our instructions. We wish these letters to be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those things which have been decreed by them shall be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their force. The effectiveness of these letters shall not be hindered by any prescriptions of any kind, since by these letters we abolish all such. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of the person holding the highest ecclesiastical dignity, and which are signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were shown to have been. Let those who in every way despise or neglect Our decrees know that they will incur the penalties prescribed by law to those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the third and twentieth day of the month of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, the twentieth year of Our pontificate.

CELSUS
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COSTANTINI PETRUS

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Albertus Serafini,
Prot. Apost.
Caesar Federici,
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In Ap. Cane, tab., vol. LXXXXVIII, n. 21.

[*Latin ed. p. 218*]

218 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary. APOSTOLIC LETTER CONCERNING THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH DEDICATED TO THE APPEARANCE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, COMMONLY CALLED "NOSSA SENHORA DE LOURDES," IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BELLOHORIZONTINE, TO BE RAISED TO THE RANK OF BASILICA MINOR. PIUS PP. XI. For the perpetual memory of the event. — The church dedicated to the Apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, commonly called "Nossa Senhora de Lourdes," brings great honor and adornment to the city of Bellohorizontine. It is larger than the other churches in that place and is magnificent in its Gothic architecture. Above all, it is to be commended because it is a place of frequent religious devotion; the Christian people diligently come there to participate in the sacred rites, especially to be nourished by the divine sacraments and to cleanse their souls of the stains of sin. The Sons of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to whom this excellent church belongs, diligently provide spiritual care. It is also important to note the chapel, in which a representation of the Grotto of Lourdes is depicted, which attracts large numbers of the faithful, so that the devotion to Mary flourishes there and abundant fruits are derived from it. In the hundredth year since the Blessed Virgin Mary, free from all stain, appeared in the Grotto of Lourdes, a year which is observed with solemn celebrations throughout the world, the Most Reverend Father John Rezende Costa, Archbishop with the title of Martyropolitanus and Apostolic Administrator of Bellohorizontine, representing the sacred prelates of the State commonly called "Minas Gérais," and also of its civil authorities, the Provincial Superior of the aforementioned religious order, the clergy, and the entire parish, to whom the name "Nossa Senhora de Lourdes" belongs, requested that we elevate this church to the honor of a Basilica Minor. We, for whom there is nothing more important than to promote the worship of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

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gladly decided to grant this request, a request which was also supported by Our beloved Son, Charles Carmel, Cardinal Priest of the Holy Roman Church of Vasconcellos Motta, Archbishop of Sancti Pauli in Brasilia. Therefore, after consultation with the Congregation for Sacred Rites, we hereby decree:

[*Latin ed. p. 219*]

By our knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of our Apostolic power, we elevate the parish church, dedicated to God in honor of the Apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, commonly called "Nossa Senhora de Lourdes," which is located within the territory of the Archdiocese of Bellohorizontinae, to the dignity of a Minor Basilica, with all the rights and privileges that properly belong to sacred buildings bearing the same title. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions. We decree, establish, and declare that these present letters shall remain forever firm, valid, and efficacious; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that those to whom they pertain, now and in the future, shall fully observe them; and that they shall be duly judged and defined; and that they shall be null and void from this moment forward, if anything to the contrary, concerning these matters, should be attempted by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, with any authority whatsoever. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, under the Fisherman's ring, on the sixteenth day of the month of May, in the year 1958, the twentieth year of our pontificate.

For the Lord Cardinal in charge of the public affairs of the Church, by special mandate of the Most Holy, Gildo Brugnola, from the Apostolic Briefs II.

SAINT PAUL APOSTLE IS CHOSEN AS THE PRINCIPAL CELESTIAL PATRON FOR THE CITY AND STATE OF (SÃ£o Paulo).

PIUS PP. XII

For the perpetual memory of this event.

Truly, Saint Paul should be called the Apostle of the Gentiles, since not only did he himself, among the Gentiles living near the Inland Sea, but also, after many centuries have passed, among the peoples of America through missionaries, pursued his ministry, bringing the Christian Faith and, in a certain way, humanity. Indeed, the city, founded in Brazil in the year 1554, on the day of the Conversion of Saint Paul, took its name from the very Apostle, and grew and flourished with him. The Episcopal Chair, decorated by our blessed predecessor, Pope Benedict XIV, in the year 1745,

[*Latin ed. p. 220*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 220: The city of Saint Paul was raised to the dignity of an Archdiocese and Metropolitan

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See by Pope Pius X on the 7th of June, in the year 1906. In order that a fitting memorial of this important event might be established, Our Beloved Son, Charles Carmel, S.R.E., Cardinal Priest of Vasconcellos Motta, Archbishop of São Paulo in Brazil, having gathered together all the Ordinaries of the entire ecclesiastical province under his jurisdiction, and also having taken advantage of the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the granting of the archdiocesan and metropolitan dignity, earnestly requested that We deign to confirm Saint Paul the Apostle as the patron of the archdiocese and of the entire region of that name. We, having carefully considered all things, and with the approval of the Venerable Brother Armando Lombardi, Titular Archbishop of Caesarea Philippi, Our Apostolic Nuncio in Brazil, considered it most pleasing to grant such a request. Wherefore, after consultation with the Congregation of Sacred Rites, by the authority of these letters, and with certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Apostolic power, We confirm, or rather, We declare anew, that Saint Paul the Apostle is the principal patron, before God, of the city and of the entire city of that name, existing in Brazil, granting to him all and each liturgical privileges, as is fitting for patrons of places. Contrary to anything to the contrary, notwithstanding. These things We decree, We establish, We ordain, that these present letters shall forever remain valid and effective; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that those to whom they pertain, or who may pertain to them, shall fully observe them now and in the future; and that they shall be rightly judged and defined; and that anything to the contrary, attempted by anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, shall be null and void from this moment. Given at Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's Ring, on the 24th of May, in the year 1958, the twentieth year of Our pontificate. By special mandate of the Most Holy Cardinal Gildo Brugnola, Prefect of the Public Affairs of the Church, from Apostolic Briefs.

[*Latin ed. p. 221*]

Acta PP. XII, 221, III, SANCTUS PIUS X, P.M., CONFESSOR, IS DECLARED THE PRINCIPAL CELESTIAL PATRON OF THE ENTIRE DIOCESE OF CAMPIFONTIS-CAPITIS GIRARDEAUEÑSI.

PIUS PP. X, FOR THE PERPETUAL COMMEMORATION THEREOF.

The solemnities of the canonization of Saint Pius X, which We Ourselves happily celebrated in the year 1954, provided an opportunity not only to proclaim the illustrious virtues of the same Saint, but also to raise the highest praises of His works. Besides remembering his humility and the cultivation of a life of penance, "what he would have been, had he been a priest... throughout his entire priestly life" (Cf. "Acta Apostolicae Sedis," 1954), we have not forgotten. Furthermore, along with the worship of the Eucharist,

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or promoting it among children, it is pleasing to remember his ardent piety towards the Blessed Virgin Mary, his zeal in catechizing the young, and his constant care in promoting the Action Catholica.

Having all these things before Our eyes, the Venerable Brother Charles Hermann Helmsing, Bishop of Campifontis-Capitis Girardeauensis, earnestly requested that We, in the year 1956, formally declare Saint Pius X as the principal celestial patron of the diocese, so that the virtues and works of Saint Pius X might remain firmly impressed upon the minds of the faithful. And We, confident that the aforementioned patronage would yield abundant spiritual fruits, readily deemed it fitting to grant such a request.

Wherefore, after consultation with the Congregation for the Sacraments, with certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic power, by these letters, perpetually and in all respects, We declare, We establish, and We constitute Saint Pius X, Supreme Pontiff, Confessor, as the principal heavenly patron of the entire diocese of Campifontis-Capitis Girardeauensis, with all honors and liturgical privileges, in accordance with what is properly due to the principal patrons of places.

Notwithstanding any contrary provisions.

These things We decree, We establish, and We ordain, that these present letters shall forever remain firm, valid, and efficacious; and shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that they shall fully apply to those to whom they pertain, now and forevermore.

[*Latin ed. p. 222*]

222 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary concerning the suffragan; and thus it must be judged and defined; and the rite shall be observed from now on, if anything contrary to these matters should be attempted by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly. Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's ring, on the sixteenth day of the month of July, in the year 1958, the twentieth year of Our Pontificate. By special mandate of the Most Holy Cardinal in charge of the public affairs of the Church, Gildo Brugnola, by Apostolic Briefs, Saint Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M., is chosen as the principal patron, and Saint John the Apostle and Evangelist as the secondary patron of the diocese of Reconquista. PIUS PP. XII For the perpetual memory of this matter. — It is indeed fitting that newly established dioceses be covered by heavenly protection, so that greater increases in religion may be brought to them, and that they may be more strongly protected from the evils that threaten them. We have therefore readily accepted the petitions presented by the Venerable Brother John Iriarte, Bishop of the diocese of Reconquista, founded by Us in the year 1955, in which he requested that we declare Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as the principal patron of his jurisdiction, and Saint John the Apostle and Evangelist as the secondary patron. Confident

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that, by complying with these requests, the faithful living in that region will take the example of these heavenly patrons in virtue and piety, and will be greatly strengthened for the ages to come, in the stormy tempest of this present age. Therefore, after consultation with the Congregation for the Sacraments, with Our certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic power, We declare by these letters, in perpetuity, that Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mother of God, is chosen as the principal heavenly patron, and Saint John the Apostle and Evangelist as the secondary patron of the entire diocese of Reconquista, granting to them all the honors and liturgical privileges that are customary for principal and secondary patrons of dioceses.

[*Latin ed. p. 223*]

223 The acts of the Most Holy Fathers, Popes, are duly applicable. Nothing whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding. These things we decree, establishing, determining that the present letters shall forever remain valid and effective; and shall produce and obtain their full and complete effects; and that they shall fully support and be efficacious for those to whom they pertain, or may pertain, now and in the future; and thus be duly judged and defined; and that if anything contrary to these things should be attempted by anyone, with any authority whatsoever, knowingly or unknowingly, it shall be null and void from this moment forward. Given at the Palace of Gandulf, under the Fisherman's ring, on the first day of the month of October, in the year 1958, the twentieth year of Our Pontificate. By special mandate of the Most Holy, to the Most Eminent Cardinal Gildo Brugnola, Prefect of the Public Affairs of the Church, from Apostolic Briefs.

[*Latin ed. p. 224*]

224 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary

ACTA OF THE HOLY CONGREGATIONS

SACRED CONSISTORY CONGREGATION

OF ARAÇUAI

DECREE DECLARING THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH

By Apostolic Letters sealed with lead, granted by the Supreme Pontiff Pius X, of blessed memory, on the twenty-fifth day of the month of August, in the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, the parish church located in the city commonly called "Araçuai," dedicated to God in honor of St. Anthony of Padua, was raised to the rank and dignity of the cathedral church of

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the diocese of Araçuai. However, since the aforementioned church was destroyed by a severe flood in the year 1928, and subsequently, two new churches were built in that region, one dedicated to St. Anthony, and the other to St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and to St. Theresa, the Most Reverend Ordinary, Joseph Maria Pires, Bishop of Araçuai, with the consent of the diocesan Consultors, requested the Apostolic See to declare the church of St. Joseph and St. Theresa, currently located in the place commonly called "Alto do Santuario," to be the cathedral church of the diocese of Araçuai, and to dedicate it to God in honor of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Sacred Consistory Congregation, after mature deliberation and having received the favorable opinion of the Most Reverend Armand Lombardi, titular Archbishop of Caesarea Philippi and Apostolic Nuncio in the United States of Brazil, considered it fitting to grant the requests of the Most Reverend Ordinary. Therefore, supplementing, as is necessary, with the consent of those who have or are presumed to have an interest, by virtue of the special faculties granted to it by the Most Holy Lord, our Pope Pius, by the present Decree, which is valid as if Apostolic Letters sealed with lead had been issued, it is decreed that the aforementioned church be dedicated to God in honor of St. Joseph.

[*Latin ed. p. 225*]

The Sacred Consistorial Congregation, having considered the matter, and dedicated the aforementioned chapel to the Most Holy Virgin, and to Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Most Blessed Virgin, decrees that the cathedral church of the diocese of Araçuí shall enjoy the dignity and rank of a cathedral, with all the rights and privileges that, by law or custom, belong to other cathedral churches in Brazil. Furthermore, to carry out all that is necessary, the aforementioned Sacred Consistorial Congregation appoints the Most Reverend Lord Armando Lombardi for this purpose, granting him the faculty, even of delegating to any man holding ecclesiastical office, to carry out the aforementioned purpose, with the obligation of submitting to the same Sacred Consistorial Congregation a certified copy of the completed act, as soon as possible. All contrary decrees notwithstanding. Given at Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, on the 3rd day of September, in the year 1958. JJ. MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI, Bishop of Sabina and Mondello, Secretary. L. S. Joseph Ferretto, Assistant. CAMERACENSIS - ATREBATENSIS DECREE CONCERNING THE MUTATION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF TWO DIOCESES. The Most Reverend Lord Aemilius Guerry, Archbishop of Cambray, and the Most Reverend Lord Victor John Perrin, Bishop of Arras, having earnestly requested, with the approval of the Apostolic See, that the boundaries of the dioceses of Cambray and Arras be somewhat altered, for the better spiritual welfare of the faithful residing in the parish commonly called Demicourt. The Sacred

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Consistorial Congregation, considering that such a change will be beneficial to the eternal salvation of souls, and with the favorable opinion of the Most Reverend Lord Paul Marella, titular Archbishop of Doclea and Apostolic Nuncio in France, exercising the special faculties granted to it by the Most Holy Pope John, by Divine Providence, Pope XXIII, deemed it fitting to approve, provided that those who have an interest in the matter are heard. Therefore, let it be so, as it is necessary for their benefit. 15 - ACTA, vol. I, n. 4. — 11-4-1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 226*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 226, or to possess the presumed consent, by the present Consistorial Decree, which will have the same validity as if Apostolic Letters sealed with the leaden seal had been issued, the aforementioned territory of Demicourt, separated from the archdiocese of Cambray, is perpetually attached to the diocese of Arras (-Boulogne-Saint-Omer), thereby modifying the boundaries of both dioceses. Therefore, the boundary will proceed from the intersection of the roads, one of which leads to the parish of Doignies, and the other to the road connecting Demicourt with the parish of Boursies, up to the house called Corbier Godon; from there, the road will descend directly to the intersection of the roads that lead to Demicourt, Graiancourt, and Havrincourt, respectively. Furthermore, the aforementioned Sacred Congregation mandates that the documents and records pertaining to the faithful and temporal goods existing in the aforementioned territory of Demicourt be transmitted from the Curia of Cambray to the Curia of Arras, as soon as it is permissible. To accomplish these matters, the aforementioned Apostolic Delegate is appointed, and he is granted the necessary and appropriate powers, including the power to delegate to any man of established ecclesiastical standing the execution of the aforementioned purpose, with the obligation imposed upon him to remit to the same Sacred Congregation, as soon as it is permissible, an authentic copy of the completed act. Given in Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, on the 6th day of the month of November, in the year 1958.

[Signed]

MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI, Bishop of Sabina and Mondello, Prefect of the Secretariate.

L. © S. Iosephus Ferretto, Secretary.

[*Latin ed. p. 227*]

Sacra Romana Rota 227 ACTA TRIBUNALIUM

SACRA ROMANA ROTA

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IB AGÜEN. NULLITATIS MATRIMONII (SALCEDO - GONZALES)

Since the actual place of residence of the Lady Elvia Gonzales, in the aforementioned cause, is unknown, we summon her to appear, either in person or through a duly appointed procurator, before the Tribunal of the Sacred Roman Rota (Roma, Palazzo della Cancelleria) on May 22, 1959, at 12 o'clock, to discuss and resolve the matters in dispute, or to subscribe to the following and to designate a day for the determination of the cause before the Rota.

1. Does it appear that the judgments of the first and second instances are null?

2. Does it appear that the marriage is null?

The ordinaries of the places, the parish priests, the priests, and all the faithful who have knowledge of the place of residence of the aforementioned Elvia Gonzales, must, insofar as possible, ensure that she is informed of this edictal citation.

* Aurelius Sabattani, Praeses.

From the Chancery of the Tribunal of the Sacred Roman Rota, February 25, 1959.

C. Pezzicara, Notarius

* It is unknown the current place of residence of Madame Elvia Gonzales, defendant in this cause; therefore, we summon her to appear, either in person or through a legitimately constituted procurator, at the seat of the Tribunal of the Sacred Roman Rota (Roma, Palazzo della Cancelleria) on May 22, 1959, at 12 o'clock, to agree upon or subscribe to the doubts mentioned below, and to set the date for the decision of the cause before the Rota.

1. Does it appear that the judgments of the first and second instances are null in this case?

2. Does it appear that the marriage is null in this case?

The ordinaries of the places, the parish priests, the priests, and the faithful who have knowledge of the place of residence of the aforementioned Elvia Gonzales must, insofar as possible, inform her of this citation.

[*Latin ed. p. 228*]

228 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary, DIARY OF THE ROMAN CURIA, DECREE. That this Diocesan Synod of this most venerable City, which we recently announced, may, with God's help, achieve its desired outcome, We have deemed it fitting to establish a Council of ecclesiastical men, directly subject to Our authority, to whom We entrust the task of preparing all matters to be discussed in the synodal assemblies. We elect and appoint as President of this Council the Venerable Brother Aloysius Traglia, Vice-Governor in the City, to whom We add the following

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assistants: the Venerable Brothers: Hector Cunial, the other Vice-Governor in the City; Peter Canisius van Lierde, Prefect of Our Sacristy and Our General Vicar in the City of Vatican; Caesar D'Amato, Abbot of the Patriarchal Basilica of Saint Paul outside the walls; and the following chosen sons: Henry Leonidam Dante, Pro-Secretary of the Supreme Council for Sacred Rites; Peter Mattioli, Auditor of the Holy Roman Rota; Aloysius Givardi, Canon of the Patriarchal Basilica of Vatican; Paul Peiretti, Canon of the Patriarchal Basilica of Liberian; John Gregorini, Parish Priest of the parish of Saint Benedict, Treasurer of the Parish Priests of the City; John Canestri, Parish Priest of the parish of Saint Mary of Consolation; Felix Cappello, S.L.; Raymond Verardo, O.P.; Ermenegild Lió, O.F.M. From the records of the Council will be the chosen son Charles Maccari, from the records of the Vicariate of the City. From the Vatican, on the eighteenth day of the month of February, in the year 1959, in the first year of Our Pontificate. JOHN PP. XXIII.

[*Latin ed. p. 229*]

From the Roman Curia Diary, 229. SECRETARY OF STATE. By letters from the Secretary of State, the Most Holy Father John XXIII, reigning happily, has deigned to appoint: March 14, 20, 1959. The Most Reverend and Venerable Monsignor Giacomo Brüning, Consultor of the Sacred Congregation for the Eastern Churches. His Excellency, Most Reverend Monsignor Pietro Villa, Titular Bishop of Listra, Consultor of the Sacred Congregation for the Eastern Churches. The Most Reverend and Venerable Monsignor Gioacchino Sormanti, Substitute of the Sacred Congregation of Rites. Likewise, by letters from the Secretary of State, the Most Holy Father John XXIII, reigning happily, has deigned to appoint: Extraordinary Secret Chamberlains to His Holiness: December 23, 1958. Monsignor Daniele Sánchez Chica, of the diocese of Santa Marta. Monsignor Eriberto Martínez, of the same diocese. Monsignor Pietro Antonio Navarro, of the same diocese. Monsignor Secondo Mosca, of the diocese of Pesaro. Monsignor Salvatore Scalognini, of the same diocese. Monsignor Pietro Gaudenzi, of the same diocese. Monsignor Arturo Bacchiani, of the same diocese. Monsignor Enrico Vichi, of the same diocese. Monsignor Gerard Kerkvliet, of the diocese of Rotterdam. Monsignor Pietro Maas, of the same diocese. Monsignor Luigi Alfonso Sanders, of the same diocese. Monsignor Ignazio Wils, of the same diocese. Monsignor Gerard Bannenberg, of the diocese of 's-Hertogenbosch. Monsignor Giovanni Van Susante, of the same diocese. Monsignor Uberto Heezemans, of the same diocese. Monsignor Cornelio Van Dijck, of the same diocese. Monsignor Giovanni De Kroon, of the same diocese. Monsignor Pietro De Brouwer, of the same diocese. Monsignor Anthony Van Teeffelen, of the same diocese. Monsignor Uberto Èras, of the same diocese. Monsignor Adriano Frenken, of the same diocese. Monsignor Giovanni Van Overbeek, of the same

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diocese. Monsignor Alfonso Meuwese, of the same diocese. Monsignor Felice Ugo, of the diocese of Sulmona.

[*Latin ed. p. 230*]

230 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary, December 23, 1958.
Monsignor Fiore Ernesto, of the diocese of Levkosia.

Monsignor Vitelli Amleto (Rome).

Monsignor Batenburg Giovanni Battista, of the Archdiocese of Utrecht.

Monsignor Ramselaar Antonio, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Wiegerink Agostino, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Van den Berg Ino, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Fortmann Ermanno, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Vroom Ermanno, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Jansen Antonio, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor De Wit Antonio, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Visser Siardò, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Smit Antonio, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Van Straelen Ermanno, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Van den Hengel Guglielmo, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor De Barros Camillo Francesco, of the diocese of Viseu.

Monsignor Marques Moreira Antonio, of the same diocese.

January 4, 1959.

Monsignor Del Corpo Egidio, of the diocese of Isernia and Venafro.

Monsignor Salas Mariano M., of the diocese of Ayacucho.

Monsignor Prado Tello Elia, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Lopez Chavez Teofilo, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Solier Aguiiar Giuseppe Edmondo, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Dubler Edvino, of the diocese of Basle and Lugano.

Monsignor Frei Federico, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Haeberle Alfredo, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Kissling Guglielmo, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Muhlebach Alberto, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Bertke Stanislao, of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Monsignor Connaughton Edoardo, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Evans Fernando, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Graham Edoardo, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Gilligan Martino, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Hoban Giacomo, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Kennedy Francesco, of the same Archdiocese.

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Monsignor Schröder Raimondo, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Staunton Giovanni, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Whalen Carlo, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Bellini Quinto, of the diocese of Cremona.

Monsignor Camozzi Paolo, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Favalli Aristide, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Ferrari Genesio, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Lana Guido, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Severgnini Luigi, of the same diocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 231*]

Diarium Romanae Curiae 231, 10 Ianuarii 1959. Reverendissimus Dominus Tadini Ioannes Baptista, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Borner Franciscus, ex dioecesi Essen.

Reverendissimus Dominus Kippels Ioannes, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Mertens Gulielmus, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Dietrich Rudolphus, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Hasebrink Iosephus, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Gaul Henricus, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Zaunbrecher Iosephus, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Vinbruck Gulielmus, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Hopmann Carolus, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Velten Gualterus, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Nusselein Henricus, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Schulte Iosephus, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Kilpatrick Samuel, ex archidioecesi Glasgow.

Reverendissimus Dominus Diaz Victor, ex dioecesi Tacna.

Reverendissimus Dominus Chavez Anselmus, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Lopez de Onate Vincentius, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Bocconcelli Christophorus, ex dioecesi Urbania.

Reverendissimus Dominus Fini Alexander, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Podrini Philippus, ex dioecesi S. Angelo in Vado.

Reverendissimus Dominus Moriccioni Victor, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Vega Emilius, ex dioecesi Huacho.

Reverendissimus Dominus Del Rey Palomero Aristaeus, ex dioecesi Cuenca.

Reverendissimus Dominus Calvo Pina Simon, ex eadem dioecesi.

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Reverendissimus Dominus Della Tolla Gregorius, ex archidioecesi Gorizia.

Reverendissimus Dominus Mocnik Franciscus, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Calvo Oscar, ex vicariatu apostolico Guam.

Reverendissimus Dominus Me Mahon Terentius, ex archidioecesi Hartford.

Reverendissimus Dominus Fazzalaro Franciscus, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Westhues Ioannes, ex dioecesi Springfield-Cape Girardeau.

Reverendissimus Dominus Panucci Iosephus Antonius, ex dioecesi Guaxupé.

Reverendissimus Dominus Matias da Silva Iosephus Maria, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Ferreira Reis Gerardus, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Pardini Hilarius, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Sarto Milani Ioannes, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Puntel Silvius, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Grela Riccardus, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Araujo Guimaraes Marius, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Do Amarai Órnelas Iosephus, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Nogueira Lopes Genesius, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Neto Carolus Henricus, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Vita Iosephus, ex dioecesi Taubaté.

[*Latin ed. p. 232*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 232, January 10, 1959.

Most Reverend Do Vale Monteiro Pietro, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend De Melo Annibale, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Oasabianca Ferruccio, of the diocese of Luni.

Most Reverend Trofello Giovanni Battista, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Capellini Ernesto, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Zolesi Ivaldo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Banì Guido, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Chelia Guido, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Anastasio Leandro, of the Archdiocese of Naples.

Most Reverend Arcozzi Giuseppe, of the diocese of Verona.

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Most Reverend Aurati Augusto, of the Archdiocese of Urbino.
Most Reverend Bertozzo Antonio, of the diocese of Vicenza.
Most Reverend Bolzan Carlo, of the diocese of Vittorio Veneto.
Most Reverend Bonomo Nicola, of the Archdiocese of Benevento.
Most Reverend Ferrerò Alfredo, of the Archdiocese of Turin.
Most Reverend Martinengo Enrico, of the Archdiocese of Vercelli.
Most Reverend Panchetti Cesare, of the Archdiocese of Florence.
Most Reverend Passaro Vincenzo, of the Archdiocese of Naples.
Most Reverend Piacenza Tommaso, of the diocese of Mondovì.
Most Reverend Barbiero Enrico, of the diocese of Padua.
Most Reverend Colao Vittore, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Gamba Ulderico, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Geronazzo Mariano, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Mazzarotto Tarcisio, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Bimano Luigi, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Strazzacappa Giovanni, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Strazzacappa Igino, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Zanella Angelo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Zanchin Mario, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Murray Guglielmo, of the diocese of Providence.
Most Reverend Geòghègan Arturo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Lynch Carlo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Carey Guglielmo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Dunn Luigi, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Struck Giovanni, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Madura Martino, of the diocese of Trenton.
Most Reverend Foley Giacomo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Di Lorenzo Salvatore, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Endebrock Giovanni, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Grotsch Ermanno, of the diocese of Ratisbon.
Most Reverend Hofmann Carlo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Hiebl Enrico, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Maier Leonardo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Prem Michele, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Thaller Michele, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Maier Antonio, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Meier Adolfo, of the same diocese.

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Most Reverend Obendorfer Andrea, of the same diocese.

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Diarium Romanae Curiae, 2, 3, 3, 10 Ianuarii, 1959.
Monsignor Müller Corrado, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Holzër Frederick, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Thallmayr George, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Wolf Francis, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Thiesen Frederick, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Schmidt George, ex dioecesi Wichita.
Monsignor Gerstenkorn Anthony, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Poletto Peter (Koma).
Monsignor Lopez Morant Gabino, ex dioecesi Cuenca.
Monsignor Sondag Anthony, ex dioecesi Des Moines.
Monsignor Chmielewski Anthony, ex dioecesi Camden.
Monsignor Winowicz Leo, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor O'Connor Edward, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Argullo Michael, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor D'Antuono John, ex dioecesi Castellammare di Stabia.
Monsignor Mascolo Mose, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Moncallero Anthony, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Castellano Catello, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Floran Louis, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Batza Anthony, ex Archidioecesi Philadelphia.
Monsignor Gresko Dmytro, ex eadem Archidioecesi.
Monsignor Adamiak Leo, ex eadem Archidioecesi.
Monsignor Chehansky Stephen, ex eadem Archidioecesi.
Monsignor Gabro Jaroslav, ex eadem Archidioecesi.
Monsignor Allgeier Nicola, ex dioecesi Fort Wayne.
Monsignor Badina Anthony, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Bapst John, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Gapczynski Ignatius, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Girardot Charles, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Hoerstman Henry, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Moorman George, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Nadolny John, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Peterson Elmer, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Seimetz Anthony, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Süelzer Curtius, ex eadem dioecesi.

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Monsignor Voors William, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Collins Raphael, ex dioecesi Lincoln.
Monsignor Mercier Thomas, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Murray Jerome, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Szmydt Adam, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Cinquini Silvio, ex dioecesi Livorno.
Monsignor Bardi Anthony, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Balzini John, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Olivari Francis, ex eadem dioecesi.
Monsignor Jarvais Walter, ex Archidioecesi Newark.
Monsignor Furlong William, ex eadem Archidioecesi.
Monsignor Artioli Walter, ex eadem Archidioecesi.
Monsignor Carberry James, ex eadem Archidioecesi.

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Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary, January 12, 1959.
Monsignor Gillhooly, Thomas, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Beck, Henry, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Costello, Joseph, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Arquett, Robert, of the diocese of Ogdensburg.
Monsignor Bailey, Joseph, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Brown, Floyd, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Dumas, Edmond, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Sechi, Claudius, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Waterhause, John, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Cleary, Donald, of the diocese of Rochester.
Monsignor Cuffney, James, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Dugan, Gregory, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Flynn, Patrick, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Hickey, Dionysius, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Sullivan, Joseph, of the same diocese.
Monsignor McCafferty, John, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Murphy, Emmett, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Whalen, Leslie, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Vogt, Joseph, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Fagiolo, Vincent, (Rome).
Monsignor Di Mario, Marino, of the diocese of Civita Castellana.
Monsignor Mercier, Camillus, of the diocese of Saint Anne.
Monsignor Freve, Charles, of the same diocese.

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Monsignor Bernier, Paul, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Diament, Joseph, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Foegelle, Peter, of the archdiocese of Saint Anthony.

Monsignor Ehlinger, Paul, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Popp, Bernard, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Wangler, Alexander, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Herbst, Henry, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Rihn, Roy, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Harrington, John, of the diocese of Toledo (in America).

Monsignor Mossing, Lawrence, of the same diocese.

Monsignor O'Toole, James, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Yates, Robert, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Schmit, Jerome, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Marchetti, Anthony, of the diocese of Terni.

Monsignor Feeley, John, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Shea, George, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Kiley, John, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Clark, Christopher, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Fronczak, Michael, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Murphy, Charles, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Reardon, Thomas, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Cunningham, Thomas, of the same archdiocese.

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Diarium Romanae Curiae 235, 12 Januarii, 1959.

Most Reverend Monsignor Cecinelli Aroldo, of the diocese of Narni.

Most Reverend Monsignor Gelasi Leandro, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Mercuri Valentino, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Paiella Gino, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Conti Ferrerò, of the diocese of Orte.

Most Reverend Monsignor Sheehan Daniele, of the Archdiocese of Omaha.

Most Reverend Monsignor Fontaine Barry Edmondo, of the diocese of Burlington.

Reverend Father Melki Giuseppe, of the diocese of Spalato.

Most Reverend Monsignor Maisterreua Etulain Alessandro, of the Archdiocese of Pamplona.

Most Reverend Monsignor Jonna Vittorio, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Leoni Olindo, of the same Archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Monsignor Carletti Otello, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Weis Othmar, of the diocese of Magonza.

Most Reverend Monsignor Hauser Andrea, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Hookway Cirillo Douglas, of the diocese of Clif.

Most Reverend Monsignor Lobato Ferrugia Giovanni, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Montana Pradera Silvio, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Alonso y Rojas Carlo, of the diocese of Badajoz.

Most Reverend Monsignor Belli Colli Michele, of the diocese of Sorø.

Most Reverend Monsignor Zompi Anthony, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Matachione Luigi, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Bruni Virginio, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Tatangelo Pasquale, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Cerro Salvatore, of the diocese of Pontecorvo.

Most Reverend Monsignor Squilla Gaetano, of the diocese of Sorø.

Most Reverend Monsignor Degni Ettore, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Marciano Vincenzo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Pozzuoli Anthony, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Novo Paleo Venanzio, of the Archdiocese of San Cristoforo dell'Avana.

Most Reverend Monsignor Llaguno Canal Alfred, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Domínguez Giuseppe Massimino, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Rodríguez Rozas Manuele, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Garcia Rayneri Callisto, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor De la Torre Recio Teodoro, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Gehringer Michele, of the Archdiocese of Bamberg.

Most Reverend Monsignor Kroner Filippo, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Pieger Nicola, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Schneider Giuseppe, of the same Archdio-

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Most Reverend Cataldo Raffaele, of the Archdiocese of Benevento.
Most Reverend Iarossi Carmine, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Antonio Lombardi, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Cesare Maffei, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Angelo Mariani, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Michele Martucci, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Giovanbattista Perone, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Luigi Lombardi, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Agostino Stellacci, of the Diocese of Bitohto.
Most Reverend Gino Eugenio Berardi, of the Diocese of Forlì.
Most Reverend Ramon de Iesus Loreto, of the Diocese of Calabozo.
Most Reverend Guglielmo Schüler, of the Diocese of Fulda.
Most Reverend Giuseppe Strèb, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Giuseppe Plettenberg, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Ermanno Schmidt, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Massimiliano Wenzel, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Ludovico Pralle, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Edoardo Schick, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Luigi Schmand, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Giovanni Schaefer, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Augusto Giuseppe Huhn, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Francesco Mtsche, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Paolo Brandstetter, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Luigi Grosch, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Antonio Giancane, of the Diocese of Lecce.
Most Reverend Francesco Pellegrino, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Gerardo Danese, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Riccardo Sch Wickert, of the Diocese of Limburgo.
Most Reverend Giovanni Pabst, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Giovanni Graef, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Giovanni Seidenather, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Alessandro Stein, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Giuseppe Putzer, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Ernesto Gerhard, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Mario Borghi, of the Archdiocese of Modena.

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Most Reverend Gherardo Miselli, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Pietro Paltónièri, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Flaminio Vecchi, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Giuseppe Zanasi, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Michele Caraballese, of the Diocese of Moffetta.

Most Reverend Leonardo Minervini, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Barione Giovene, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Filippo Sardoiie, of the Diocese of Giovinazzo.

Most Reverend Luigi Piscitelli, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Alessandro Barile, of the Diocese of Terlizzi.

Most Reverend Sabino Sarcina, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Paolo Carnicella, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Michele Cagnetta, of the same Diocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 237*]

Diarium Romanae Curiae 237, 14 Ianuarii, 1959.

Most Reverend Monsignor Berchem Massimiliano, of the Archdiocese of Munich and Freising.

Most Reverend Monsignor Berberich Ludovico, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Weissthanner Ginseppe, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Heilmann Alfonso, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Hennerfeind Luigi, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Wismeyer Enrico, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Thalhamer Giuseppe, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Jandl Oscar, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Hillreiner Giuseppe, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Friesinger Romano, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Freiberger Lorenzo, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Maier Antonio, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Mair Giovanni, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Hock Michele, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Defregger Mattia, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Lurz Guglielmo, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Veit Giuseppe, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Saccone Enrico, of the Diocese of Nicosia.

Most Reverend Monsignor Capra Filippo, of the same Diocese.

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Most Reverend Monsignor Miljci Salvatore, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Bulini Bruno, of the Diocese of Parma.

Most Reverend Monsignor Copello Luigi, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Affolti Mario, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Frati Antonio, of the Diocese of Prato.

Most Reverend Monsignor Nesi Milton, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Aiazzi Danilo, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Bisson Giacomo, of the Diocese of Spires.

Most Reverend Monsignor Kraemer Felice, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Lauer Nicola, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Schreiber Vincenzo, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Bick Adolfo, of the Diocese of Würzburg.

Most Reverend Monsignor Heckelmann Antonio, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Niedermeier Antonio, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Wolpert Leone, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Stornier Federico, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Burk Agostino, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Staab Giuseppe, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Verdelli Giovanni Battista, of the Diocese of Bergamo.

Most Reverend Monsignor Wassler Augusto, of the Diocese of Lafayette.

Most Reverend Monsignor Martin Ignazio, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Bottoms Arcibaldo, of the Diocese of Amarillo.

Most Reverend Monsignor Matthiesen Leroy, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Salvagno Tullio, of the Diocese of Chioggia.

Most Reverend Monsignor Alves Bezerra Giulio, of the Diocese of Mossorò.

Most Reverend Monsignor Conway Giacomo, of the Diocese of Gary.

Most Reverend Monsignor Doktor Giuliano, of the same Diocese.

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238 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary, January 17, 1959. Monsignor William Sweigart, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Giuseppe Cattani, of the diocese of Rieti.

Monsignor Domenico Rizzoli, of the suburbicarian diocese of Sabina and Poggio Mirteto.

Monsignor Uriel Rodríguez, of the Archdiocese of Bogota.

Monsignor Giuseppe Eusebio Ricaurte, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Vittorio Barros Morales, of the same archdiocese.

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Monsignor Antonio Afanador Salgar, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Nicolò Minniti, of the Prelature of Santa Lucia del Mela.

Monsignor Pietro Maga, of the Archdiocese of Panamá.

Monsignor Patrick Coffey, of the diocese of Port Pirie.

Monsignor Peter Brisse, of the diocese of Evansville.

Monsignor Giuseppe Betancourt, of the diocese of Tampico.

Monsignor Domenico Agrestini, of the diocese of Nepi.

Honorary Chamberlains of the Sword and Cape of His Holiness:

November 1, 1958.

The Count Alfonso Cagiano De Azevedo (Rome).

Mr. Ludovico Doria Lamba, of the Marchesi, of the Archdiocese of Genoa.

The Count Giuliano Gámbaro, of the same archdiocese.

Mr. Giuseppe Gámbaro, of the same archdiocese.

The Marquis Giulio Gavotti, of the same archdiocese.

The Count Giorgio Ottone, of the same archdiocese.

The Count Agostino Ravano, of the same archdiocese.

Mr. Vincenzo Reggio, of the Marchesi, of the same archdiocese.

December 3.

Baron Camillo De Warenghien de Flory, of the Archdiocese of Paris.

Mr. Luigi De Buyer, of the same archdiocese.

The Count Amedeo D'Andigné, of the same archdiocese.

The Viscount Pietro D'André, of the same archdiocese.

The Viscount Gilles Artur de la Villarmois, of the same archdiocese.

Mr. Enrico Beauchesne, of the same archdiocese.

Mr. Pietro Claudel, of the same archdiocese.

The Viscount Carlo De Curel, of the same archdiocese.

Mr. Augusto Legrand, of the same archdiocese.

The Marquis Gastone De Maupeou-Monbail, of the same archdiocese.

The Count Maurizio Terrillon, of the same archdiocese.

The Marquis Mario De Giovanni, of the Archdiocese of Naples.

Mr. Camillo Salvi, of the Archdiocese of Milan.

The Count Riccardo Ceccopieri Maruftì (Rome).

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Diarium Romanae Curiae 239, December 17, 1958. The Most Reverend Marquess Annoni, of the House of Ippolito, of the Archdiocese of Milan. The Reverend Mr. Cornaggia Medici, of the House of Giovanni, of the same Archdiocese. The Reverend Count Negri da Oleggio, Vincenzo, of the same Archdiocese. The Reverend Nobleman Mottola di Amato, Robert, of the

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Archdiocese of Naples. The Reverend Nobleman Leonetti, Thomas, of the same Archdiocese.

The Reverend Count Lagergren, John, of the Diocese of Stockholm. The Reverend Count De Faydit de Tersac, Peter, of the Archdiocese of Toulouse. The Reverend Mr. Ward, Herbert, of the Diocese of Portsmouth.

The Reverend Mr. Dawson de Orchil, Rupert George, of the same Diocese. The Reverend Mr. Doughty Tichborne, Anthony, of the same Diocese. The Reverend Mr. Constable-Maxwell, Gerald Joseph, of the same Diocese. Count Medolago Albani, Pius Leo, of the Diocese of Bergamo. The Reverend Count Di Collalto, Lanfranc, of the Archdiocese of Florence. The Reverend Mr. Invitti, of the House of Conca, Diego, of the Archdiocese of Naples. The Reverend Mr. Michiels van Kessenich, William, of the Diocese of Ruremonda. The Reverend Baron Van Voorst tot Voorst, Francis, of the Diocese of Rotterdam. The Reverend Marquess di Ugena De Oñate y Lopez, Matthew, of the Diocese of Madrid. The Reverend Marquess De Oñate y Prendergast, Matthew, of the same Diocese.

The Reverend Mr. Dessein, Joseph Julius, of the Diocese of Liegi. The Reverend Baron Van Caloen, Charles, of the Diocese of Bruges. The Reverend Viscount De Joannis, John Dominic, of the Diocese of Angers.

January 1, 1959. The Reverend Nobleman Castiglione Humani, Vincent (Rome). The Reverend Nobleman Perticucci de' Giudici, Louis, of the Archdiocese of Florence. The Reverend Marquess Malvezzi Campeggi, Lucius (Rome). The Reverend Mr. Towle, Raymond, of the Archdiocese of Boston. The Reverend Mr. Raggi, Gionni, of the Archdiocese of Newark. The Reverend Mr. Matthews, John, of the same Archdiocese. The Reverend Mr. Wu, John, of the same Archdiocese. The Reverend Mr. Burke, John, of the Archdiocese of New York.

The Reverend Mr. Folsom, Francis, of the same Archdiocese. The Reverend Mr. Ziminsky, Victor, of the same Archdiocese. The Reverend Mr. Coleman, John, of the same Archdiocese.

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Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 240, January 12, 1959. Mr. Hagerty Harry, of the same Archdiocese.

Mr. Gamazo de los Rios Giuseppe Maria, of the Archdiocese of Valladolid.

Mr. De Nadal y De Artos Luigi, of the Diocese of Barcelona.

Mr. Kaitz de Frentz Uriel, of the Archdiocese of Munich and Freising.

Mr. Vitalowitz Ermanno, of the same Archdiocese.

The Noble Guattieri, of the Counts Kenato, of the Diocese of Narni.

The Noble Toraldo, of the Marquis Pasquale, of the Diocese of Tropea.

Mr. Páparo Mario (Boma).

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The Count Baldelli Boni Giovanili Battista, of the Diocese of Cortona.

NECROLOGY, February 10, 1959.

Most Reverend Giovanni Piccioni, Bishop of Livorno.

Most Reverend Giorgio Weld, titular Bishop of Mallo.

Most Reverend Geremia Kinane, Archbishop of Cashel.

Most Reverend Gustavo Deswazières, Bishop of Pakhoi.

Most Reverend Angelo Bartolomasi, titular Archbishop of Petra of Palestine.

March 3.

Most Reverend Giuseppe Clemente Willging, Bishop of Pueblo.

Most Reverend Denys Pietro Hindié, Archbishop of Aleppo of the Syriacs.

April 8.

Most Reverend Pierluigi Peurois, titular Bishop of Tubia.

April 5.

Most Reverend Mario Macrionitis, Latin Archbishop of Athens.

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Ann. et vol. LI, 25 Aprilis 1959, Ser. III, v. I - N. 5, ACTA APOSTOLICAE SEDIS, COMMENTARIUM OFFICIALE, ACTA IOANNIS PP. XXIII, NUNTIUS RADIOPHONICUS, UNIVERSIS CHRISTIFIDELIBUS, SOLLEMNIA PASCHALIA CELEBRATURIS. * In this evening, still veiled in sadness due to the remembrance of the Savior's death, but already permeated with joyful anticipation for His holy Resurrection, My voice comes to you, beloved sons of Italy and of the entire world, who are preparing to celebrate the Paschal solemnity with piety. In a few hours, in the majestic cathedrals and in the remote chapels of missionary lands, in the parishes of cities and in the humble churches scattered on mountains and in the countryside, wherever a Christian community gathers with faith and love around its priests, the festive hymn "Exultet" will resound in the heart of the night, and the first "Alleluia" of the sweet Gregorian melody will be raised. In this trembling anticipation of this announcement, I address you, beloved sons. It is the new Pope, who this year celebrates Easter with you, called to lead as the visible head the Church, of which the Divine Risen One is the invisible, unique Head. What a wonderful proof of the perpetuity of the holy Church, the mystical Body of Christ, which draws from the Redeemer the continuous wave of life, which makes it immortal! What a moving testimony to the truth of the historical fact of the Resurrection of Jesus, which, having occurred two thousand years ago, forms the solid foundation of Christian society, the sure nourishment of its faith, the reason for its hope, the stimulus of its charity. * Vespers of the Greater Sabbath, 28 Martii, in the year 1959. 16 - ACTA, vol. I, n. 5. — 25 -

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The Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 242. The Church is alive, as is its Divine Founder! The Church advances with the very virtue of life, just as Jesus, after having fulfilled the debt of mortal nature, proceeds victoriously beyond the stone barrier that His enemies had placed as a guard before the tomb! Even for the Church, there have been, throughout the centuries, other enemies who have sought to enclose it as in a tomb, celebrating its agony and death time and again. But it, which possesses the invincible strength of its Founder, is always newly resurrected with Him, forgiving all and assuring serenity and peace to the humble, the poor, the suffering, and men of good will. This is the meaning of the imminent Paschal feast, which we love above all to propose to you, beloved children, so that your fidelity to the Church may never waver, but rather, rooted and founded in charity, you may participate with joy and generosity in the life of your Mother, certain of her victorious security; ready to fight to defend her, to dedicate yourselves to spread her, united in witnessing: "zealous, as Saint Paul says, to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: one body and one spirit, just as you were also called to one hope by your vocation; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all."

The joyful mystery, which is about to be renewed this night of prayerful vigil, not only has the significance to which we have alluded, but also has a value that affects each individual Christian in the innermost sanctuary of his spiritual life, configuring him to the Resurrected Christ. The Pasch is for all a mystery of death and of life: therefore, according to the express precept of the Church, which paternally we remind you, each faithful is invited during this time to purify his conscience with the Sacrament of Penance, immersing it in the Blood of Jesus; and he is called to approach with greater faith the Eucharistic Banquet, to partake of the vivifying flesh of the Immaculate Lamb. Therefore, the mystery of the Pasch is of death and resurrection for each believer. Indicating the sufferings of the Lord, who for us willed to be "the despised, the last of men, the man of sorrows who knows suffering," the Paschal celebrations invite us to die to sin, to "remove the old leaven... the leaven of malice and iniquity."

1. Ephesians 4:3-6.

2. Isaiah 53:3.

3. 1 Corinthians 5:7-8.

[*Latin ed. p. 243*]

Acta Ioannis Pp. XXIII 243, ut nova creatura fiamus. Si Ille qui est Filius Dei per naturam, voluit "obtemperare usque ad mortem, et ad mortem crucis," nos, ab Ipso filii Dei per gratiam facti, officium habemus ejus actus

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imitari et reproducere. Pertinere ad Christianismum nos facit participes huius mysterii mortis spiritualis cum Christo, secundum exhortationem Apostoli, quem amamus repetere: "Numquid non sciitis, quia omnes qui in Christo Iesu baptizati sumus, in morte eius baptizati sumus? Omnes enim simul sepulti sumus in morte eius, ut sicut Christus ex mortuis resurrexit per gloriam Patris, ita et nos in nova vita ambulamus... Regnet ergo peccatum in corpore vestro mortali."

Pascha nostra ergo omnibus est mori ad peccatum, ad passiones, ad odium, ad inimicitias, ad omnia quae sunt fons disequilibrium, amari et tormenti in ordine spirituali et materiali. Mors ista est enim solum primus gradus ad finum maiorem: quia Pascha nostra est etiam mysterium vitae. Hoc affirmare debemus cum eadem confidentia Apostolorum, et vos, carissimi filii, convincimini hoc, sicut pulcherrimo tesoro, quod solum potest praetiosare et serenare vitam cotidianam: Christianismus non est illa collectio factorum opprimens, de qua fabulatur qui fidem non habet: sed est pax, est laetitia, est amor, est vita quae semper renovatur, sicut secretum pulsare naturae initio veris. Fons hujus gaudii est in Christo Resurrecto, qui homines ab servitute peccati liberat, et eos invitat ut cum Ipso nova creatura sint, in exspectatione aeternitatis beatae.

Quae potentia penetrans paullatim resonabunt verba Epistolae Missae: "Si ergo cum Christo resurrexissetis, caetera quaerite, quae sursum sunt, ubi Christus sedet ad dexteram Dei; cogitationes vestras in caelo habeatis, non in terra. Nam mortui estis, et vita vestra abscondita est cum Christo in Deo. Quando autem Christus, qui est vita vestra, apparebit, tunc et vos apparebitis cum eo in gloria)."

Per totum tempus Paschale, Ecclesia festivum nuntium sonabit: "Surrexit Dominus vere!" Dominus vere resurrexit! Hoc dicendum est etiam de cuique de fratribus suis: "Surrexit vere!" Vere resurrexit qui in peccato erat! Resurrexerunt dubii, diffidentes, Phil. 2, 8. Rom. 6, 3-4, 12. Col. 3, 1-4.

[*Latin ed. p. 244*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 244: O fearful ones, O tepid ones! The afflicted, the sorrowful, the oppressed, the wretched have risen! This is the wish that We make to you, beloved children, with the paternal affection of Our heart, which encompasses the joys and trials of all those whom the mercy of Good has entrusted to Us. Our prayer rises fervently to the Divine Savior for all of you, and for each of you: for the priests and for the souls consecrated to God; for the young, both carefree and thoughtful, the future hope of the Church; for Christian families, especially those who, within their bosom, faithfully and sacrificially safeguard the precious treasure of a numerous offspring; for those to whom advanced age allows them to look with firm hope towards the heavenly homeland; for those who study, who teach, who work; especially for the laborers who perform heavy tasks during the hours of day and night; for the sick, who are so

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dear to Us. We wish to assure all that not only Our particular predilection constantly follows them, but also that their life, even if hidden and humble, is so precious before God: "For your life is hidden with Christ in God!" We also raise a prayer that peace, a daughter of meekness and good will, may permanently reign among the nations, still troubled by the clouds that occasionally obscure the horizon; we pray for the heads of state, who are in agreement with Us in recognizing that their vocation does not make them arbiters, but guardians of the people, to whom they are obliged to ensure the respect of the fundamental rights of human personality; we pray for those who still suffer from the consequences of the past war, 14 years after its conclusion; and especially we pray for those Venerable Brothers and children, among all those dearest to Us, who, deprived of family, of homeland, of freedom itself, are a living and painful testimony of the evils that afflict humanity, due to the lack of true peace and its genuine fruits. And who will not understand us and forgive us if, raised by a singular disposition of Providence to the embrace of pastoral and paternal care of all the nations of the earth, equally called and educated throughout the centuries to the faith and the grace of Jesus the Savior, Our heart cannot restrain a palpitation of more ardent tenderness for the children of a strong and good people, whom We encountered along Our path, and with whom We shared the life of Our most vigorous years – from 1925 to 1934 – beyond and across the great Balkans, in an exercise of spiritual ministry, inspired by a reciprocal feeling of respect and Christian fraternity? We love to remember with ever-living affection that good, hardworking, honest people.

[*Latin ed. p. 245*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 245, and sincerely, their beautiful capital, Sofia, which brings us back to ancient Sardica of the early Christian centuries: and to the noble and glorious epochs of their history. For many years now, the image of that beloved country has been distant from Our eyes; but all those cherished memories of people and families remain alive in Our heart, and in Our daily prayer. In remembrance of the Bulgarians, on this Easter of the Lord, the first of Our Pontificate, We wish to associate with Our blessing and greeting those others whom We subsequently encountered on the paths of the Near East, and of the West as well, Turks, Greeks, and French, all equally beloved towards Our humble person, all equally delighted in the light and love of Christ. O Savior of all peoples; O Jesus, innocent Paschal Victim, who reconciled sinners with the Father, pour forth every desired grace upon all members of the human family, so that this Your light, which is about to rekindle, may dispel from minds the darkness of error; purify the depths of hearts; illuminate for each one the path of their own vocation; and awaken in the entire world ardor and endeavors of charity, justice, love, and peace. HOMILY ON THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION, YEAR 1959, GIVEN IN ST. PETER'S BASILICA, VATICAN.

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D.N.I. SOLEMN CH., XXIX MENSE MARTII, PAPALI. Venerable Brothers, and beloved sons! Easter is the most radiant point of the Sacred Liturgy. The two weeks of Passion that precede it summarize the doctrine of the redemption of the human race, the divine teaching proposed to the good will of every Christian to be saved and sanctified in view of heavenly goods, the affirmation of the temporary triumph of Christ, yes, even temporary here on earth, but certain and final in the eternal ages. From the Sunday of Palms to this glorious and commemorative day of the Resurrection of Jesus, what a story unfolds.

[*Latin ed. p. 246*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See, 246, renew, like a spiritual and harmonious poem, the melody which is repeated year after year: it is better said, it is summarized day by day in the life of each priest and faithful. Saint Leo the Great declares plainly that the Paschal Sacrament, the Paschal celebration, is the most important and the most noteworthy of the sacred rites. Extending through the two great weeks, each of these takes as its initial theme the three Sunday designations: Passion, Palms, and Easter. Here, from the center of Christendom, the threefold rite adorns itself with a more magnificent manifestation, which prolongs it considerably and amplifies it: and makes it even more solemn and expressive. In this first year of our pontifical service, we have wished to follow it, and humbly to present it, with more attentive application of actions, words, and heart. Oh! the heart, especially the heart, how it is interested in all the particularities of this great liturgy! Having reached the highest peak of the divine service, on this, truly, triumphant morning, the spirit would like to dispense itself from uttering copious words of rejoicing and pastoral exhortation. But Saint Leo the Great – always Saint Leo – one of our most beloved Doctors, our distant and glorious predecessor in this Apostolic Chair, warns us that, however difficult it may be to speak fittingly and appropriately about the same solemnity repeatedly, the priest is not free to withhold from the faithful the service of the word: *sermonis officium*. Therefore, let human weakness yield to the glory of the Lord: and let us remain humble in recognizing our inability to fully fathom the mysteries of divine mercy: but let us strive to the best of our ability; even if our eloquence tires, it is good: *bonum est, bonum est*, even if it is little, to say rightly what we feel of the majesty of the Lord. Venerable Brothers and beloved sons, allow us then to present to you, even if only in simple outlines, something of that which is most...

[*Latin ed. p. 247*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 247: These past weeks, the liturgical celebrations have deeply moved us, and we have felt, as we believe you have, a profound connection to your religious devotion. The liturgy contains that which is most intimate and sacred, penetrating and enlivening the depths

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of souls touched by grace; but it is also surrounded by external manifestations that strike the eyes and penetrate the heart. Gathered as we were on Palm Sunday at Saint Paul outside the walls, on Thursday at Saint John in the Lateran Palace, Rome, on Friday at the Holy Cross in Jerusalem, and today here at Saint Peter's for the concluding celebration, each of those present could attest to not being alone, as were the Fathers and the hermits of the desert. All of this stands out against the backdrop of events, of which the Gospels remain, even after twenty centuries, unmistakable witnesses: such as the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem; such as the murmuring of the crowds in the streets of the city, stirred up by the Sanhedrin and the instigators of the people; such as the upheaval of nature at the death and resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, everywhere: people moving, in peaceful procession or in disorder; but moving; in exaltation or in destruction; for or against Jesus of Nazareth. But Jesus of Nazareth, the Word of God made flesh, King of the Jews, Savior of the world, is certainly destined to triumph, and His victory will always be His. In this threefold context of honor, of sorrow, and of triumph, we discern the outline of the history of the Church, of which Christ is the head. It is Christ, and as such, He always remains and enlivens His Church; Christ always suffers in His Church, and always triumphs beyond all appearances, glorious and immortal King of the ages. This threefold affirmation contains the essence of a divine teaching, which every good Christian and Catholic must not forget. 1. Behold, the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem: what a delightful and persuasive spectacle! Just a few days after His sacrifice, which will cover Him with shame in the eyes of the world, Christ...

[*Latin ed. p. 248*]

Acta Apostolicae 248 Sedis - The official commentary proclaims for itself a triumphant entrance into its city. Declared a miracle-worker by the crowds, and desired as a king; by honest and upright people, greeted as the Messiah; by his closest companions, adored as Christ, the Son of the living God: what honors should be reserved for Him? Who is more worthy of Him than to receive royal receptions: the sound of trumpets, the stamping of horses, the splendor of garments, hymns of worldly glory and profane exaltation? None of these things. Saint Ambrose stands beside us, telling us that Jesus provided for His triumph through His humble people, who are more familiar and close to Him. To two of His disciples, He said: "Go into the village that is before you, and immediately you will find an ass and a foal. Loose the foal and bring it to Me." 1 Thus it was done. Note the words of Saint Ambrose, who, commenting on the parallel passage of Saint Luke, on these particular details, writes: "He could not have been loosed without the Lord's command. He was loosed by the apostolic hand." Thus, the apostolic hands are put at the service of Jesus' triumph, which is a triumph of simplicity, meekness, and innocence; not of violence, not

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of cunning, not of arrogance, as often happens according to the impulses, demands, and ambitions of worldly life. And those "Jewish boys," who sang "Hosanna" to the Son of David, and accompanied His passage on the road, waving olive branches, intertwining their innocent voices with the blessings of the simple and faithful people! Oh! What a spectacle, the Feast of Palms in the Basilica of Saint Paul last Sunday! For twenty centuries, the same voices have echoed the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem; the same crowd of innocent children, in a repeated and triumphant "Hosanna" to the Divine King, peaceful and meek. Let us, Venerable Brothers and beloved sons, express the intimate joy of Our spirit, which is renewed each time We encounter gatherings of people assembled 1 Matth. 21, 2.

[*Latin ed. p. 249*]

Acts of John, p. 249, XXIII, from various points within the City, from the various dioceses of Italy, and from neighboring and distant nations. Representatives of the senior citizens, of serious and worthy men, are not lacking in the various groups; but what is most consoling is the countless multitude of young people, filled with enthusiasm and devotion, the dream of good, educating mothers, breathing satisfaction and a lively desire to see in their children new blossoms of joy, of prosperity, and of sanctification for their families. Oh! apostolic hands! O blessed hands of our young clergy, to whom the Holy Church entrusts the preparation of the Dominicae Palmarum of the future! May you multiply and open yourselves to this sacred apostolate of youth, which is the true guarantee of the progress of the Kingdom of Christ in the world.

2. The second scene that, in Holy Week, once again unfolds before us is the vision of the great sorrow of humanity; that is, the suffering Christ, the Christ in pain, united with all human sufferings. It is reported that, in fact, participation in the sacred ceremonies of Holy Week, due to the application of some recent liturgical reforms, was more lively and more deeply felt throughout the world. This sensitivity is one of the psychological phenomena that the doctrine of the Mystical Body illuminates and enkindles. Indeed, one feels the lament of the weeping Christ with all of humanity in the hour in which, in some vast lands of the globe – where the message and the intimate enjoyment of human liberties had been a great gift from Heaven – these liberties are stifled, destroyed, or at the very least, are constantly threatened with injury. Following the always high and magnificent thought of our Holy Predecessor, St. Leo the Great, it is easy for our spirit to understand "that the Cross of Christ is for us a sacrament and an example." The Passion of Christ, which is summarized in the Cross, is for us a sacrament and an example. 2 Sermon 72.

[*Latin ed. p. 250*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 250: The Sacrament

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which contains and transmits the virtue of divine grace for our souls: an example which incites us to the exercise of patience, that very patience of which Christ is the supreme Master. How beautiful is the thought of St. Leo! Human science boasts so much of its errors, that once it has fixed upon a master, it blindly follows his opinions and customs. What communion is ours with Christ, if we do not know how to unite ourselves inseparably with Him, who declared Himself to be "the way, the truth, and the life"? The way of holy conversation: the truth of divine doctrine: the life of everlasting happiness.

3. Venerable Brothers and beloved sons. This call from the Gospel of St. John is the most eloquent and most solemn introduction to that which was, is, and will remain through the ages: the Resurrection of Christ. We have now sung it in the sequence: *In Christo Jesu mors et vita duello confligere mirandum*: *Duo vitae mortuus regnat vivus*. Death and life fought in a terrible duel. The Lord of life triumphs over death: and His victory is the victory of His Church through the ages. Let us therefore clear our minds of all anxiety: and let us open our hearts to the most beautiful hopes for the future. We may have pressures from the world, and we will certainly continue to have them. Before departing, Jesus, the conqueror of death, said: "Be confident: for I have overcome the world": *confidite, ego vici mundum*. It is true: there is a lord who remains on the field of that terrible battle. We often remember him by his name and surname. He is a prince. The Divine Rabbi of Nazareth called him the "prince of this world." Christ gently, but effectively, conducts the struggle against him, for the affirmation of justice, for the triumph of peace. The infernal adversary, on the other hand, hates justice and opposes the peace of the peoples and the whole world. At times, his attacks, his maneuvers, cause such confusion that they weaken those who defend against them. John 14:6.

[*Latin ed. p. 251*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 251. Every good Christian trusts in Christ; he fulfills his duty according to the various regulations that are the rule of his conscience: religious conscience, civil conscience, before God, before men. The Christian does not compromise and avoids concessions; he proceeds fearlessly and confidently. He is a collaborator in the pursuit of peace. To strengthen the energies of his resistance to evil and error, he prays; he invokes the heavenly help of grace that illuminates and sustains the strong. We know that Christ truly rose from the dead. The victory of Christ over death is a guarantee of triumph over the obstacles that are placed before human efforts in the defense of justice, liberty, and peace. To you, victorious King, we have recourse, O Jesus: you are not a king to be mocked, as Herod, the tetrarch of Galilee, attempted to present you to the people. We have full confidence in your word. We will always invoke you for justice, for liberty, and for peace. For peace, especially, we pray to you, O Jesus, conqueror of

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death, we Catholics of Rome and of the whole world. At all times, threats are seen here and there that cause concern. Even now, even now, light and fleeting clouds, questions and problems, which appear, disappear, and reappear, could represent a danger to the harmony and good understanding of the peoples. Upon the glorious tomb of Christ, we deposit the hope that, in the light of Him, the source of life, the conqueror of death, the good will of all men, especially those responsible for the fate of the peoples, may find, in the prevailing spirit of justice and collaboration, the concordant solution to every discord, for the higher interest of the peace of the world. During the Middle Ages, in many churches of the West, it was customary to sing, before the morning Te Deum, the sequence Victimae Paschali, which We recite after the Epistle. It was performed in a dialogical form with a melodious chant, in which at each verse...

[*Latin ed. p. 252*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See – Official Commentary, number 252, repeated: "That which liveth, liveth to God: Alleluia, alleluia." In this hope and expectation of life, Father and sons give each other a mystical embrace, and we wish to resume our good journey, singing the affirmation of our Catholic faith in the risen Christ, triumphant over sin and death; a bringer of joy, justice, and peace.

CONSTITUTIONS OF THE APOSTOLIC SEE CONCERNING THE ERECTION OF A NEW DIOCESE OF HAMILTON (SAINT CATHARINE IN ONTARIO) FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO IN TORONTO, ONTARIO, AND BY WHICH THE CHURCH IS ERECTED AS A NEW DIOCESE OF HAMILTON, WHICH SHALL BE CALLED SAINT CATHARINE.

JOHN, SERVANT OF THE BISHOPS, FOR THE PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE OF THE MATTER,

Who, with God's will and command, having been raised to the highest pinnacle of Apostolic authority, we especially intend to see that, with boundaries appropriately designated for each diocese, and with newly established circumscriptions, the condition for the Christian people to increase in their religion becomes more and more just. For this reason, when a request was made to this Apostolic See to establish a new diocese on the Niagara peninsula, where there would be a large number of Christians, and where the Catholic cause had begun to grow considerably, Pope Pius XII, our Predecessor, after hearing our beloved son James Charles, Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, and the venerable Brother Joseph Francis Ryan, Bishop of Hamilton, and after receiving the opinion of the venerable Brother John Panico, Archbishop with the title of Iustiniana Prima, and Apostolic Delegate in Canada; with the advice of our venerable Brothers, the Most Reverend Cardinals presiding over the Consistorial Affairs, decided that what was requested should be done, and that prayers should be offered. But when the same Supreme Pontiff, on the ninth day of the

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month of Oc-

[*Latin ed. p. 253*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, page 253, state that this year, a pious death has closed the light; We, who have succeeded him in the governance of the entire Church, so that what he had established may not be rendered void, decree and command the following. From the archdiocese of Toronto, we separate the regions, or counties, as they are called, of Lincoln and Welland; and from the diocese of Hamilton, the county of Haldimand; with these territories, we establish a new diocese, to be called St. Catharine in Ontario, and to be bounded by the same limits and the counties from which it is composed. We desire that the seat of this Church and the bishop's residence be located in the town commonly called St. Catharines, and that the cathedral be placed in the church of the same St. Catharine, located in that city. We also command that this new diocese be subject to the metropolitan see of Toronto as a suffragan, and that it enjoy its proper rights, whether by itself or by its bishop, who, however, will undertake the duties proper to his dignity. The prelate to whom the governance of this new territory is entrusted shall, at the very least, establish an elementary seminary, in accordance with the law, and shall choose diocesan consultors to take the place of the canons, for a time, to assist in the work. Once the college of canons is established, they will cease from their office. As for the episcopal table, it shall be provided for, either by the goods that will contribute a proportionate share to the see, according to canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law, or by collections from the people, or finally, from the revenues of the Curia. With regard to the clergy, we decree that, once the diocese is established, the clergy legitimately residing within its territory shall be assigned to that diocese. Finally, we command that all documents and acts pertaining in any way to the newly established Church be sent as soon as possible to its episcopal Curia, to be preserved with religious care in the archives. Furthermore, we desire that the venerable Father John Panico, whom we have mentioned, take care to carry out these Our letters, and we grant him all the power to do so that he can delegate to any man, provided that he is of ecclesiastical standing. He shall also order the drafting of documents, which he will send as authentic copies to the Sacred Congregation Consistorial. If, at the time when these Our decrees are to be put into effect, another person presides over the Apostolic Delegation in the Canadian territory, he shall do the same. We will and desire that these letters be effective now and forever; so that those things which have been decreed through them shall be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their force. Nothing, of any kind, shall be able to obstruct the effectiveness of these letters, since through these letters we abolish all that is contrary to them. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that

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it be declared entirely void and of no effect. Furthermore, no one shall be permitted to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will.

[*Latin ed. p. 254*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Commentary 254: Officially, it is permitted; indeed, complete faith must be given to copies of these documents, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person holding a position of ecclesiastical authority, and which have been signed by a public notary. These copies shall be held to be entirely valid, just as if the original documents were presented. Whoever shall disregard or in any way reject Our decrees in general, let him know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the ninth day of the month of November, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, in the first year of Our pontificate.

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Franciscus Hannibal Ferretti, Apostolic Prothonotary

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II. PORTUS MORESBY (MENDIENSIS)

B. IN THE APOSTOLIC VICARIATE OF PORTUS MORESBY IN NEW GUINEA, CERTAIN TERRITORIES ARE DETACHED, WHICH ARE ERECTED INTO A NEW APOSTOLIC PREFECTURE, TO BE CALLED ((MENDIENSIS)).

IOANNES, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD,

For the perpetual memory of His successors, to whom the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has entrusted the task of shepherding their flock with paternal charity, and with this one thing always in mind, namely, that

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the bright light of Christian truth may shine upon all peoples, and that the precious pearl of faith may come into the common possession of all nations.

For this reason, from this Apo-

[*Latin ed. p. 255*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 255: It is requested that, since the apostolic vicariate of Port Moresby is extensive, a new apostolic prefecture be established. We, having heard the venerable Fathers, Our Brothers, Cardinals, who preside over the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, and considering that this will greatly contribute to the spread of the Christian name, we believe that it is fitting to proceed with prayer. Since these things are so, supplementing the consent of those who have some right in this matter, by Our supreme and apostolic authority, We decree and order the following. From the apostolic vicariate of Port Moresby, We separate that territory, which is indeed divided from the rest of the territory by that line which runs from the mouth of the Aleli river, through the mountain peaks, between the Purari and Vailale rivers, to the boundary between Papua and New Guinea, and then follows these boundaries until it reaches the Strickland river; and which proceeds straight to Lake Campbell and then, along the same line, reaches Bell Point, to the mouth of the Gama river, and finally proceeds by sea to the shore of the Purari river. We reduce this part of the territory to the form of a new prefecture, to be called Mendi, and We entrust it to Fathers of the Order of the Friars Minor Capuchin; We urge them to spare no effort that, those people who have been led astray by error, may be illuminated by the splendor of Christian wisdom for their salvation. We grant to the Mendi prefecture, and to its Prefect, the same rights, honors, and privileges that belong to other prefectures and their Prefects; and We impose upon the sacred minister the duties that are inherently associated with this office. Furthermore, the Most Reverend Romulus Carboni, Archbishop with the title of Sidon, and Apostolic Delegate in Australia, New Zealand, and Oceania, will take care to carry out what We command in these letters, and We grant him all power to delegate this to any man he deems fit, provided he is a distinguished priest. When he has completed everything, he will draw up the record and send it promptly to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. If, at that time, another person presides over the same Apostolic Delegation, he will have the same duty and power to do so. We intend that these letters be effective now and in the future; so that those things that have been decreed by them may be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their force. Nothing, of any kind, contrary to the effectiveness of these letters, can be enacted, since by these letters We repeal all that is contrary to them. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We declare that it is entirely void and of no effect. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to

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tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, copies of these letters, and passages from them, whether in writing or in print,

[*Latin ed. p. 256*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - 256. Official documents, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person holding ecclesiastical office and are also signed by a public notary, shall be held to be entirely valid, just as if they were presented. Whoever, in general, should disregard or in any way despise Our decrees, let him know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, near St. Peter's, on the thirteenth day of the month of November, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, in the first year of Our pontificate.

Eugene, Cardinal.

Tisserant, Cardinal.

Fumasoni Biondi, Cardinal, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, for the Holy See, Chancellor.

Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancellor.

Bernardus De Felicis, Prot. Ap.

Albertus Serafini, Prot. Ap.

Loco ® Plumbi In Ap. Cane, tab., vol. XCVIII, n. 91.

APOSTOLIC LETTERS

TO BEATA MARIA VIRGINIS, MOTHER OF GOD, OF THE HOLY ROSARY ("DE ARMA"), PRINCIPAL CELESTIAL PATRONESS OF THE DIOCESE OF SONSONE IN COLOMBIA.

JOHN PP. XXIII.

For the perpetual memory of the matter.

— We have learned that the citizens of the place called "Rionegro," within the boundaries of the Diocese of Sonsone, venerate and honor, as we have learned, the Most Holy Virgin Mother of God, called "de Arma," with particular devotion. There, her Image is displayed, to which the faithful devoutly come with eagerness of spirit, to celebrate the praises of the Blessed Virgin and to implore her help and comfort. In order that her diocese, recently established, may be covered by her maternal protection, We...

[*Latin ed. p. 257*]

From the Acts of Pope John XXIII, page 257: The venerable Brother Albert Uribe Urdaneta, Bishop of Sonsón, addressed prayers to Us, requesting the confirmation of the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, under that illus-

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trious name, for the aforementioned jurisdiction, which We desire. With a willing heart, We accede to these requests, after consultation with the Sacred Congregation of Rites, with certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic authority, We hereby confirm, establish, and declare the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Most Holy Rosary "of Arma" as the principal celestial Patron of the entire diocese of Sonsón, in Colombia, with all the honors and liturgical privileges that rightfully belong to the principal Patrons of dioceses. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions. We decree, establish, and ordain that these present Letters shall remain forever firm, valid, and efficacious; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that those to whom they pertain, now and in the future, shall fully avail themselves of them; and that they shall be duly judged and defined; and that they shall be null and void from this moment and forever, if anything to the contrary, concerning these matters, should be attempted by anyone, with any authority whatsoever, knowingly or unknowingly. Given at Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's Ring, on the twenty-eighth day of the month of November, in the year 1958, in the first year of Our pontificate. D. TARDINI, Prefect of the Public Affairs of the Church.

TEMPLE OF MERCURY: In the Forum of Rome, a temple of the Minor Basilica, richly endowed.

JOHN XXIII. For the perpetual memory of the matter. The temple of Saint Mercurialis is rightly considered a sacred place, closely linked to the events that took place there, due to its antiquity, its artistic works, and its religious significance. It was built, or rather, restored after devastating fires, in the year 1376, and in the same century, a sacred tower was added to it, which, with its sharp and towering spire, is counted among the most beautiful structures of this type in Italy. The aforementioned temple, which We have described, was skillfully and elegantly designed, and adorned with...

[*Latin ed. p. 258*]

258 Acta Apostolicae Sedis – The official commentary highly recommends this work: for, besides the tables depicted with elegant skill, the images of the Magi adoring the Divine Child often inspire great admiration in those who behold them. It is also to be noted that the people of Forlì are particularly devoted to this church, not only because they have taken care to restore and embellish it, especially after the recent wars, but also, and indeed most importantly, because they frequently flock to it as if to a special seat of piety. Moreover, the tomb of Saint Mercurialis, the first Bishop of the city, located there, provides a considerable incentive to devotion. Considering all these things, the parish priest of this church, which was formerly connected to a monastery, humbly requested that We grant it the title and status of a Minor Basilica. These requests, supported by the

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enthusiastic recommendation of the Venerable Brother Paul Babini, Bishop of Forlì, were received with a willing heart. Therefore, after consultation with the Sacred Congregation of Rites, and with Our certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic authority, We hereby elevate the church of Forlì, dedicated to Saint Mercurialis in honor of God, to the dignity of a Minor Basilica, with all the rights and privileges that properly belong to sacred buildings of that designation. All contrary provisions to the contrary notwithstanding. We decree, We establish, We ordain that these present letters shall remain forever firm, valid, and effective; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that those to whom they pertain, or who may pertain to them, shall fully support them now and in the future; and that they shall be duly judged and defined; and that they shall be null and void from this moment forward if anything contrary to these things should be attempted by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, with any authority whatsoever. Given at Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's ring, on the sixteenth day of the month of January, in the year 16 (1547), in the first year of Our pontificate. D. Card. TARDINI, concerning the public affairs of the Church.

[*Latin ed. p. 259*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 259. ADDRESS to those who attended the Second Congress of Black Writers and Artists, held in Rome by the "African Cultural Society."

"Gentlemen, by organizing the second Congress of Black Writers and Artists in Rome, the African Cultural Society has sought to hold its international gatherings in a place of great human and Christian culture, a place that more than two millennia of civilization have indelibly marked. Already, during your first assembly in Paris, three years ago, you chose a city, particularly dear to Our memory, whose literary and artistic heritage attracts the intellectual elite from all over the world, and especially from Africa, as We Ourselves have often observed. Thus, on two occasions, you have affirmed your esteem for these great values of the spirit, which, for centuries, have found in Europe a favored land, and from which you yourselves have received inestimable benefits. We are pleased to congratulate you on this, and We wholeheartedly welcome you to Our city of Rome. It is within its prestigious setting that you are engaged in studying the unity and responsibilities of a Negro-African culture. Belonging yourselves to various nations of the old and new worlds, different in language and in style of your works, you affirm yourselves to be united by the bond of your original race, and by common responsibilities towards your ancestral heritage. The Church appreciates, respects, and encourages such a work of investigation and reflection, which aims to reveal the original riches of a particular culture, to rediscover its foundations in history, to manifest

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its profound harmonies through varied expressions, and finally, to make these benefits available, through new works, to the respective countries to which you belong.

Given on the 1st day of April in the year 1959."

[*Latin ed. p. 260*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale 260. In omnibus enim locis ubi authenticae valores mentis et culturae possunt familiam humanam adiuvare, Ecclesia parata est ad illud opus animi fovendum. Ipsa, ut scitis, ad nullam culturam se affigit, neque ad occidentalis, quam tamen historia eius arcte coniungit. Nam propria eius missio alius est ordinis: scilicet salutem religiosam hominis. Sed Ecclesia, plena iuventute semper renovata spiritu Sancti, parata manet ad agnoscendum, accipiendum, et etiam ad excitandum omne quod ad honorem intellectus et cordis humani pertinet in aliis regionibus mundi, praeter illud mare Mediterraneum quod providentiali modo est cuna Christianitatis. Ergo, domini, vos sequi potestis cum cura labores vestros ad quaerendum fundamenta communitatis culturae ex Africa, et oramus ut ea sit fundata in iustis criteriis veritatis et actionis! Hoc in proposito, credite sapientiam saeculariter Ecclesiae. Visus eius perspicax scit discernere in formis, veteribus vel novis, artis vel litterarum, quae purificandae sunt ut congruant cum dignitate hominis, cum iuribus et officiis eius naturalibus. Universalitas visus eius, qui ad res humanas omnium populorum attendit, eam adiuvat ad pacem veram in mundo. Auxiliis elitibus quae ad eam se vertunt ad culturae facultates patriae aut nationis suae evoluendas, Ecclesia eas invitat ad hoc faciendum in animo concordiae et profunda affectionis cum aliis fluxibus ortis ex authenticis civilitationibus. Num solum hoc modo crescunt conquestiones animi et nectuntur vincula spiritualia communitatis humanae fraternae? Iam igitur, de corde, invocationes divinas invoco primum super omnes et singulos vestros, super proximos vestros, super omnes qui vobis carissimi sunt; et volumus ut hae benedictiones etiam descendunt super opera vestra, ut numquam desint, in Roma et alibi, amore veritatis et pacis, qui signum est omnium verorum ministrorum culturae, et qui, opinamur, actionem filiorum nostrorum animat, qui Africam et traditiones eius nobiles amant.

[*Latin ed. p. 261*]

Acts of Pope Pius XII, 261. ACTS OF POPE PIUS XII. APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTIONS. I. THE TARAHUMARA MISSION (OF ITS OWN RITE), IN THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO, IS ELEVATED TO THE RANK AND DIGNITY OF AN APOSTOLIC VICARIATE. PIUS, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE EVERLASTING MEMORY OF THE EVENT: If among peoples not yet illuminated by the light of Christ, there exists a Church, in which, through the diligent preaching of the Gospel,

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the Catholic religion has joyfully taken root and is expected to bear greater fruits in the future, this Holy See gladly grants that it be raised to a higher rank of dignity. Now, since the Tarahumara Mission, of its own rite, in the Republic of Mexico, entrusted to the care of the Fathers of the Society of Jesus, has experienced considerable growth, and since the Most Reverend Fathers, Our Cardinals, Prefects of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, have judged it to be best if it were elevated to the dignity of an Apostolic Vicariate, and since, having previously granted the necessary faculties, that same Sacred Congregation has decreed this, We, after hearing the favorable opinion of the Most Reverend Father Ludovicus Raimondi, holding the title of Archbishop of Tarsus and Apostolic Delegate in the Mexican Prefecture, and in their place, those who have some right in this matter, fully approving the decision of that Holy Congregation, by Our supreme authority, We decree and order the following: We raise the Tarahumara Mission, of its own rite, with the same boundaries and the same name, to the rank and dignity of an Apostolic Vicariate, which We entrust to the Fathers of the Society of Jesus, as has been the case thus far, but under Our guidance and that of this Apostolic See. We grant to the newly established Tarahumara Apostolic Vicariate, and to its Vicars Apostolic for the time being, all rights and privileges, all honors and faculties, which are granted to others through...

[*Latin ed. p. 262*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Commentary 262. The official rare documents of the apostolic vicariates and their sacred prelates enjoy common law; moreover, we impose duties upon the Apostolic Vicar which are congruent with his office. Furthermore, we wish that these things which we have commanded be carried out by the venerable Brother Ludovicus Raimondi, whom we remember, either by himself or by a legate, provided that he is a priest and possesses the necessary abilities for that purpose. Upon completion of the matter, he will take care to draw up the documents, and he will send true copies thereof to the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith as soon as possible. And if, at the time when these things must be done, another person presides over the Apostolic Delegation in the Republic of Mexicana, he shall carry out our orders. We wish these letters to be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those things which have been decreed through them will be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their force. No prescriptions of any kind can be contrary to the effectiveness of these letters, since through these letters we abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, no one is permitted to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear

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the seal of a person established in ecclesiastical dignity and are signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented. Let anyone who in general disregards or in any way rejects Our decrees know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the twenty-third day of the month of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, the twentieth year of Our pontificate.

CELSÜS Cardinal.

COSTANTINI PETRUS Cardinal.

FUMASONI BIONDI, Secretary of the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

Hamletus Tondini, Regent of the Apostolic Chancery.

Albertus Serafini, Apostolic Secretary.

Caesar Federici, Apostolic Secretary.

In Cane. Ap. tab., vol. XCVIII, n. !ß.

[*Latin ed. p. 263*]

Acta Pii PP. XII 263. II. RIVI NIGRI. IN METROPOLITANO TEMPLO. RIVI NIGRI COLLEGIUM CANONICORUM CONSTITUITUR.

PIUS, EPISCOPUS, SERVUS SERVORUM DEI, AD PERPETUAM REI MEMORIAM.

Cum venerabilis Frater Aloisius de Amaral Mousinho, Archiepiscopus Rivi Nigri, ad maiorem Dei gloriam procurandam atque senatum prudentium virorum praesto habendum, ab hac Apostolica Sede petiit ut in sua Ecclesia Canonicorum Collegium constitueretur, et cum S. Congregatio Consistorialis, factis olim a Nobis facultatibus, preces admotas accipiendas esse censuerit, Nos eiusdem S. Congregationis consilia omnino probantes, post auditum venerabilem Fratrem Armandum Lombardi, Archiepiscopum titulo Caesariensem Philippi atque in Foederatis Brasiliae Civitatibus Apostolicum Nuntium, simulque eorum consensum supplentes, qui in hac re aliquod ius habeant, de Nostra summa et apostolica auctoritate haec statuimus et iubemus.

In metropolitano templo Rivi Nigri Canonicorum Collegium condimus; quod duabus constabit Dignitatibus, Archidiaconatu scilicet et Archipresbyteratu, octoque Canonicatibus, quorum unus Theologo dabitur, alter autem viro Paenitentiarii munere fungenti. Dignitatum et canonicatuum assignatio ad normam iuris fiat; quoadusque tamen congruis bonis eadem ditari non possint, poterunt iis quoque sacerdotibus attribuì, qui alio beneficio fruantur, etiamsi cum animorum curatione coniuncto.

Concedimus autem ut divinum officium, Canonicorum proprium,

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saltem his diebus fiat: Paschatis, Pentecostes, S. Sebastiani, cui templum est dicatum, et quos leges seu Constitutiones Capitulares statuerint; quibus diebus officium absolvi potest horis tantum minoribus recitatis sacroque facto cum cantu.

Cum autem deceat eos, qui Episcopi senatum et consilium constituunt, propriis etiam insignibus condecorari, concedimus ut Dignitates et Canonici, intra fines duntaxat propriae dioecesis, vestem talarem induant nigram cum fimbriis violacei coloris, zonam sericam pariter violaceam, rochetum cum reflexu coccineo (vermelho-cremisi) in manicis, mozetam e serico villoso nigro cum fimbriis coccineis et, iuxta temporum.

[*Latin ed. p. 264*]

264 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary: opportunity, a cope with white fur, and violet shoes. Regarding all other matters, whether pertaining to offices, rights, duties, or privileges, the norms of common law shall be observed in every respect; therefore, the Diocesan Consultors shall cease from their duties by virtue of these regulations. Furthermore, our venerable brother Armandus of Lombardy will ensure that all of these orders are carried out, and we grant him all the powers necessary to carry out these matters, which he may delegate to any man of distinguished priesthood, as he sees fit. After the matters have been completed, he will strive to have the same documents written down, and he will promptly send copies, faithfully written, to the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory. If, at that time, another person presides over the same Apostolic Nunciature, he shall carry out our mandates. We intend these letters to be effective now and in the future, so that those to whom they pertain will observe the decrees contained therein with religious devotion, and thus they will obtain their full force. No prescriptions of any kind can be contrary to the effectiveness of these letters, since through these letters we abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be declared entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted for anyone to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a man established in ecclesiastical dignity and are signed by a public notary, shall have the same full faith as if they were presented. Whoever disregards or in any way rejects Our decrees in general should know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, near St. Peter's, on the thirtieth day of the month of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, in the twentieth year of Our pontificate.

CELSUS Cardinal COSTANTINI

S MARCELLUS Cardinal MIMMI

S. R. E.

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Chancellor of the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory,
Secretariat
Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancellor
Francis Hannibal Ferretti, Apostolic Secretary
Caesar Federici, Apostolic Secretary
In Ap. Cane, tab., vol. LXXXXVIII, n. 27.

[*Latin ed. p. 265*]

By the grace of God, Pope Pius XII, in the 265th year of his pontificate, to the inhabitants of BELLOHORIZONTINA-ATERBADENSIS (DIVINOPOLITANA), after deducting certain territories from the Archdiocese of BELLOHORIZONTINA and the Diocese of ATERRADENSIS, a new diocese is established, to be called ((DIVINOPOLITANA)).

PIUS, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD: Having received the mandate from Christ Jesus to feed and govern the entire flock, we experience great joy when we consider the establishment of new churches, whenever their foundation can more easily safeguard the Catholic cause, promote its growth, and provide greater care and assistance to the needs of the faithful. Therefore, when the venerable Brother Armandus Lombardi, Archbishop with the title of Caesarea Philippi and Apostolic Nuncio in the Federated States of Brasiliae, requested from this Apostolic See the establishment of a new diocese in that region, we, believing that this would promote the advantages and benefits of the people, deemed it fitting to accede to the request.

Having heard the opinions of the venerable Brothers Antonius dos Santos Cabrai, Archbishop of Bellohorizontina; Ioannes Rezende Costa, Archbishop with the title of Martyropolis and Coadjutor of the same See of Bellohorizontina, with the right of future succession, and Apostolic Administrator "sede plena"; and Emmanuel Nunes Coélho, Bishop of Aterradensis, and with their consent, who have some authority in this matter, and after consulting with our venerable Brothers, the Most Reverend Cardinals presiding over the Consistorial Affairs, and by our supreme authority, we decree and order the following:

From the territory of the Archdiocese of Bellohorizontina, we separate the municipalities commonly called Divinópolis, Carmo de Caiurú, Claudio, Itapecerica, Itauna, Mateus Lerne, Nova Serrana, Para de Minas, Pitangui, Säo Gonçalo de Para, and the territory of the district of Onça, belonging to the municipality of Pequi; and from the Diocese of Aterradensis, we separate the entire territory of the municipalities commonly called Araujos and Perdigâo; and from these separated territories, a new...

[*Latin ed. p. 266*]

266 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - We establish the diocese to be called "Div-

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inópolis" and define its boundaries as those of the municipality and district that, at present, are delimited by civil law. The city of Divinópolis, commonly known as Divinópolis, will be the seat of this Church, where the Bishop will reside; and the cathedral of his teaching will be located in the curial temple, which will soon be completed and dedicated to the Divine Holy Spirit; and we elevate this to the dignity and rank of a cathedral. As is fitting, we grant to this new See and its sacred Prelates all those rights, honors, and privileges that pertain to all dioceses; and we impose upon the sacred pastors also the duties and obligations. We make the Church that we establish a suffragan of the archdiocese of Belo Horizonte, and we wish its Bishop to be subject to and subordinate to the Archbishop of that See. Since it is most pleasing to us that the worship of Almighty God be carried out with solemn ceremony, we decree that a College of Canons be established, according to the norms to be set forth in other documents to be issued. However, until this can be done, we allow that diocesan consultants be chosen in their place, who, through their work and counsel, will assist the Bishop. At least an elementary seminary must be built, according to the laws common to all and the regulations of the Holy Congregation for Seminaries and Universities, for receiving boys called to the priesthood. And when they are to be instructed in philosophy and theology, those who are more capable will be sent to Rome, so that they may be educated in higher studies at the Pontifical Brazilian College. The episcopal table, or Curia, will be supported by revenues, or by the alms of the Christians, or finally, by a suitable portion of goods, according to Canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law, which will belong to the new Church. As for the governance and administration of the diocese, for the election of a Capitular Vicar, when the See is vacant; also for the rights and duties of the clergy and the people, and other matters of this kind, all the prescriptions of canon law must be followed. Those clergy who, after the division of the territory, hold a benefice or office within the new circumscription, are to be considered as belonging to it, as its proper clergy. We also command that all documents and acts pertaining to this diocese be sent to its episcopal Curia, to be properly preserved in the archive. Furthermore, what we have ordered will be carried out by the venerable Brother Armandus Lombardi, whom we remember, or by he who, at the time of execution, presides over the Apostolic Nunciature in the Federative Republic of Brazil, with the necessary powers, which can be delegated to any man, provided he is distinguished by the dignity of the priesthood. When the business has been carried out, the same venerable Brother will draw up the documents, and he will send them promptly to the Holy Consistorial Congregation with faithful copies.

[*Latin ed. p. 267*]

267 The Acts of Pope Pius XII: We desire that these letters be and remain effective now and in the future; indeed, so that those things which are

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decreed through them may be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their force. No prescriptions of any kind can be contrary to the efficacy of these letters, since through these letters we abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, no one is permitted to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a man constituted in ecclesiastical dignity, and which have been signed by a public notary, shall have the same full faith as if they were these very letters, if they are presented. Let anyone who, in any way, disregards or rejects Our decrees know that he will incur the penalties established by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the eleventh day of the month of July, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, the twentieth year of Our pontificate.

CELSUS Card. OOSTANTINI

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Cancellarius

8. Congr. Consistorialis

a Secretis

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Apostolic Cancellary

Albertus Serafini, Prot. Apost.

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Ap. tab., vol. XCVIII, n. 59.

[*Latin ed. p. 268*]

268 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary. APOSTOLIC LETTER CONCERNING THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH DEDICATED TO THE MOST HOLY HEART OF JESUS IN THE CITY OF ROSETO, IN THE DIOCESE OF GROSSETO, BESTOWING UPON IT THE TITLE AND PRIVILEGES OF A MINOR BASILICA. PIUS PP. XII For the perpetual memory of the matter. — "Now to the king of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen." To stir up the minds of those who dwell in the city of Roseto and in the neighboring territory, so that they might fully and completely obey Him, through the diligent study and tireless work of the Venerable Brother Paul Galeazzi, the Bishop of that place, a magnificent parish church has been erected, dedicated to

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the Most Holy Heart of Jesus, which serves as a dwelling place of religion and the head of a new source of heavenly grace emanating in all directions. For just as the marshlands, which formerly extended to that city, have been transformed into fertile fields, so too, through a salutary plan, this seat of piety has been established, from which abundant spiritual fruits will be scattered throughout the entire people. The church itself, completed and consecrated this year, and inaugurated by our Venerable Brother Marcello, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, Bishop of Sabina and Poggio Mirteto, is remarkable for its size and the style of its structure, which is called "Romanesque," adapted to the architectural principles that have prevailed in our times. It is also worthy of mention that it has a crypt, dedicated to the memory of the citizens who fell in battle; and one cannot help but admire the tall octagonal tower, at the top of which is located a bronze statue, covered in gold, of the Savior, who, as it were, extends His arms, so that He may draw all to His Heart and subject them to His sweet dominion. This magnificent house of God is richly furnished with precious furnishings, and, which is of great importance, the Vincentian Brothers, to whom this parish has been entrusted, and whose number seems to be sufficient, serve the divine things and the spiritual welfare of the people there. So that this great work, which far surpasses all other churches in the diocese and province of Grosseto, might be worthy of the honor of the Holy See, the Venerable Brother Paul Galeazzi, whom we have mentioned, requested that we bestow upon this church the title and rights of a Minor Basilica. Gladly fulfilling these requests, We, after consulting with the Sacred Congregation of Rites, with certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic power, grant these Letters, and perpetually bestow upon the aforementioned church the title and privileges of a Minor Basilica, according to the norms of law.

[*Latin ed. p. 269*]

Acta Pii PP. XII, 269: Whereas we elevate the parish church of Grosseto, dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, to the dignity and honor of a Basilica Minor, granting it all the rights and privileges that properly belong to temples bearing the same title. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions. We decree, establish, and ordain that these present Letters shall remain forever firm, valid, and efficacious; that they shall produce and obtain their full and complete effects; and that those to whom they pertain, now and in the future, shall fully comply with them; and that they shall be duly judged and defined; and that they shall be declared null and void from this moment and forever, if anything to the contrary, concerning these matters, should be attempted by anyone, with any authority whatsoever, knowingly or unknowingly. Given at Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's Ring, on the sixth day of the month of June, in the year 1928, the twentieth of Our Pontificate. Concerning the special mandate of the Most Reverend

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Cardinal, appointed for the public affairs of the Church, Gildo Brugnola, by Apostolic Brief, concerning the granting of the title of BASILICA MINOR to the ((CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AT SCOTUS)), abbatial and parish church in the city of Vienna in Austria. PIUS PP. XII. For the perpetual memory of this event. — Not a few, nor of little importance, are the events, about which Vienna, the principal city of Austria, justly boasts; and also more and more worthy monuments, which pertain to it. Among these, the abbatial and parish church, dedicated to God in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, assumed into heaven, and also to Saint Gregory the Great, and entrusted to the monks of the Order of Saint Benedict, should certainly be included, together with the adjoining monastery. The church itself, which is commonly called "Our Lady of the Scots," was founded by Henry, son of Saint Leopold, the Patron of Austria, in the year 1153, and since then, both the sacred liturgy and the monks' sacred and human disciplines have made it a most splendid center and head of faith and the liberal arts throughout Austria. Moreover, all the liberal arts...

[*Latin ed. p. 270*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 270. Those who added to the beauty and splendor of this Temple, which now appears, fabricated additions to the structure that was erected in the 17th century. Furthermore, the most ancient Marian image is preserved there and devoutly venerated, to which countless faithful come. It should also be noted that the Catholic Academy, founded near the monastery through the efforts and dedication of the Most Reverend Cardinal Theodor Innitzer, Archbishop of Vienna. Considering all of these things, the Venerable Brother Franciscus König, Archbishop of Vienna, heeding the wishes of the Abbot, the monks, and all the faithful, and seizing the auspicious occasion of the eight hundredth anniversary of the first church erected in that place, approached Us in prayer, so that the aforementioned church might be elevated with the title "to the Scots" and with the privileges of a Minor Basilica by Our authority. And We, carefully considering the antiquity and beauty of this sacred edifice, readily deemed such requests worthy of acceptance. Therefore, after consultation with the Sacred Congregation of Rites, by these Apostolic Letters, with certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by Our Apostolic authority, We adorn and invest the abbatial and parish church, dedicated to the glorious Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, who was taken up into heaven, and called "to the Scots," located in the city of Vienna, with the honors and privileges of a Minor Basilica, notwithstanding any objections to the contrary. These things We decree, establish, and ordain, so that these present Letters shall remain forever firm, valid, and efficacious; and shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that those to whom they pertain, or who may pertain to them, shall fully observe them now and in the future; and that they shall be duly judged and defined;

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and that they shall be declared void from this moment and null and void, if anything contrary to these things should happen to be attempted by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, with any authority whatsoever. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, under the Fisherman's Ring, on the first day of June, in the year 1958, the twentieth year of Our pontificate. By special mandate of the Most Holy, to the Most Reverend Cardinal Gildo Brugnola, Prefect of the Apostolic Briefs, for the public affairs of the Church.

[*Latin ed. p. 271*]

The Most Holy Congregation of the Holy Office, 271. ACTA of the MOST HOLY CONGREGATIONS. THE MOST HOLY CONGREGATION OF THE HOLY OFFICE. NOTICE. It is made known that the Most Holy Congregation of the Holy Office, having examined the alleged visions and revelations of Sister Faustina Kowalska, of the Institute of Our Lady of Mercy, deceased in 1938 at Cracow, has determined the following: 1. It is to be prohibited to spread images and writings that present the devotion to the Divine Mercy in the forms proposed by the aforementioned Sister Faustina; 2. It is entrusted to the prudence of the Bishops to remove the aforementioned images, should they have already been exposed for veneration. From the Palace of the Holy Office, March 6, 1959. Ugo O'Flaherty, Notary. QUESTION. This Most Holy Congregation has been asked whether it is permissible for Catholic citizens, when electing representatives of the people, to give their vote to those parties or candidates who, although they do not oppose the principles of Catholic doctrine...

[*Latin ed. p. 272*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Commentary 272. Official bodies, indeed even those who assume a Christian name, are nonetheless associated with communist organizations and favor them in their actions. Thursday, March 25, 1959. The Eminences and Reverend Lords Cardinals, entrusted with safeguarding matters of faith and morals, decided to respond: Negatively, according to the norm of the Decree of the Holy Office, of July 1, 1949, n. 1 (A. A. S., vol. XLI, 1949, p. 334). On Friday, April 2 of the same year, the Most Holy Lord Pope John XXIII, by divine Providence, in an audience granted to the Eminent and Reverend Lord Cardinal Pro-Secretary of the Holy Office, approved the resolution presented to Him by the Eminent Fathers and ordered it to be made public. Given in Rome, from the offices of the Holy Office, on April 4, 1959. Hugo O'Flaherty, Notary.

SACRED CONGREGATION CONSISTORIAL DECREE CONCERNING THE VISITATION OF SACRED PLACES TO BE CONDUCTED BY MILITARY VICARS.

To hasten to the Sacred Places, not without the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, all Ordinaries of places are commanded, as they have been from an-

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cient times, so that they may, and it shall be permitted to them, as testified by Saint Gregory the Great, from whose generosity pastors are able to fulfill their duties, to venerate the tombs of the Chief Apostles Peter and Paul, in the royal City of Rome, as the foundation of faith and the source of priestly unity, and finally, to render an account of the flock entrusted to them to the Roman Pontiff. For both, to visit the Sacred Places and to render an account, are inherent in the very nature and constitution of the Church, as is well known, and necessarily flow from the sacred primacy of Peter. Since it is clear that Military Vicars are among the Ordinaries to be considered; for they possess ordinary jurisdiction, whether personal, special, or even cumulative, according to the norm of the Instruction Concerning Military Vicars.

[*Latin ed. p. 273*]

The Sacred Congregational Congregation decrees:

"Solemnly, always," the Vicars of Castrum (that is, of Rome, namely the Pontiff) are truly Vicars. The portion of the flock entrusted to the Vicars of Castrum is truly noteworthy in its size and importance, since it consists of young men, ornaments of the Fatherland, and who, through military service and rigorous discipline, are trained or are to be trained, whose conduct and way of life are most conducive to the preservation and fostering of the Catholic religion in each nation. The Apostolic See has been deeply concerned about the eternal salvation of their souls, as is clearly demonstrated by the numerous canonically established military vicariates throughout the world, and by documents issued, especially in recent years. Indeed, in order to ensure the spiritual well-being and the proper conduct of life, Pope Pius XII, of blessed memory, decreed that every third year, the Vicars of Castrum should submit a report on their activities and the state of the military vicariates to the Sacred Congregational Congregation, and he prescribed a newly prepared form to be used in preparing the report.

Now, Our Holy Father John, by the Divine Providence, Pope XXIII, so that nothing may be hidden from him concerning those matters which it is necessary for him to know and understand in order to increase the glory of God and to promote the salvation of souls; and confident that the Vicars of Castrum, if embraced by the pastoral care of the Supreme Shepherd of the Roman Church and encouraged by his counsel, will be more zealous and better equipped to guide their flocks, and with the advice of the undersigned Cardinal, Secretary of the Sacred Congregational Congregation, derogating, where necessary, from all previous prescriptions on this matter, decrees and commands the following:

1. All Vicars of Castrum, established throughout the world by Apostolic authority, shall travel to the City of Rome, to the threshold of the Most Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and shall present themselves to the Roman Pontiff, rendering an account of their entire pastoral ministry, and in turn,

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receiving Apostolic instructions.

2. The work of visitation shall be carried out in the year in which the Ordinary of the diocese of that nation, in which the Vicars of Castrum are established, is required, according to canon 341, § 1, 2 of the Code of Canon Law.

[*Latin ed. p. 274*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Commentary 2.74 Official 3. Although the Castrensis Vicar may govern a certain diocese, this obligation can be fulfilled by a single and the same Visitation. 4. The Castrensis Vicar must fulfill this obligation himself, or, for just reasons approved by the Holy See, through an Auxiliary Bishop or a Major Chaplain. 5. A report on the state of the Castrensis Vicariate shall be made every five years, namely, in the same year in which the Visitation of the Sacred Threshold is to be carried out. 6. However, if the year assigned for the Visitation to be carried out and the report to be presented falls entirely or partially within the first two years from the beginning of the office, the Castrensis Vicar may, for that occasion, abstain from the Visitation and from presenting the report. All contrary provisions to the contrary notwithstanding. » Given in Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Congregation Consistorial, on the 28th day of the month of February, in the year 1959. EgMARCELLUS Cardinal MIMMI, Bishop of Sabina and Mantenola, Prefect of the Secretariate. L. © S. t Joseph Ferretto, Archbishop titular of Serdica, Assistant. SACRED CONGREGATION FOR RITES CONCERNING THE BEATIFICATION AND CANONIZATION OF THE FOUNDER OF THE INSTITUTE OF THE SISTERS SERVANTS OF GOD, COMMONLY CALLED "OF THE PRIESTS, THE POOR." QUESTION: Should a commission for the introduction of the cause be appointed in this case and for the purpose in question? The fertile soil of Italy has, in the past century, produced many sons who shone with the splendor of charity, wonderfully renewing the springtime of the Church. But, alas, the adherents of sickly negation are...

[*Latin ed. p. 275*]

The Sacred Congregation of Rites, in its decrees, has declared that certain individuals, driven by supernatural zeal, persistently sought to undermine, destroy, and suppress the Church. However, those who diligently followed the footsteps of the Divine Master, fulfilling all commandments, and striving to assist the afflicted and the poor with all their strength, were a testament to the contrary. Many such individuals, whose names are inscribed in the book of eternal life with golden ink, cultivated a vast field of charity. Among these, Aloysius Palazzolo must be counted, who was consumed by a burning love for his neighbors, welcoming the poor, orphans, and the weak into his home, and providing sustenance to those rejected by society. The love of Christ urged his heart, and he truly gave

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all to all. Born on December 10, 1827, in Bergamo, he had parents who were blessed with good fortune and endowed with Christian virtues. He was the youngest of many children, most of whom were quickly taken by death. Still a boy of nine years, he was orphaned by the death of his father, and was raised with great care by his pious mother. Endowed with a gentle nature, docility, intelligence, and a strong character, he grew in wisdom and age under the prudent guidance of the priests Peter Sironi and Valsecchi. He completed his studies first at a public gymnasium, and later at the episcopal seminary, and after achieving great distinction, he was ordained a priest in 1850. Immediately, his piety and charity, already widely known, increased; for he began to dedicate himself with exceptional zeal to the education and religious instruction of young people struggling with poverty, at the local Oratory in Via Poppa, which he expanded at his own expense, adding buildings and an altar, and constructing a church. There, he also fostered various works, such as pious associations among young people, and evening schools for poorer boys and adults. He devoted himself diligently to the care of other children, and with no less zeal, he strove to safeguard their morals; as a result, the Oratory flourished and produced abundant fruit, so that even public authorities praised and approved of God's servant and his works. In 1859, due to civil unrest, the Oratory, along with its associated works, was closed. However, after about two years, he opened a new one dedicated to Saint Philip Neri, with courtyards, a theater, schools, and a church, as well as a small house for his residence, which he moved into in 1862, after the death of his mother, leaving his parental home. In addition to the Christian education of children, he also began to care for girls. Hence, in 1864, he established festive schools in his own buildings, and two years later, he founded the Oratory dedicated to Saint Dorothy. He faced not a few difficulties and contradictions in carrying out these endeavors, but he overcame them successfully. These same buildings...

[*Latin ed. p. 276*]

276 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale. In a very solitary place, a group of religious women was established, entrusted with the care of the Oratory and its associated works. In the year 1869, she came to the house on Via Foppa, and there she founded the Institute of the Sisters of Saint Dorothy, later called the Sisters of the Poor. Meanwhile, she devoted her mind and will to the poor, orphaned, and abandoned children, whom she gathered at a place commonly called Torre Boldone, and employed them in cultivating the fields. She appointed men of outstanding virtue and simplicity as their superiors, who, later, adopted the clerical habit. Thus, the Institute of the Brothers of the Holy Family began, which soon flourished greatly and produced abundant fruits. As the number of brothers and sisters increased, and the number of orphans grew, new houses were founded in neighboring regions as well. While fulfilling the duties

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of a superior, she shone as an example of priestly and religious life, and diligently strove to ensure that the brothers and sisters demonstrated obedience, regular observance, piety, and virtue. Not only did she undertake with the greatest zeal all that was done for the good of others, but she also exerted all her efforts to attain her own perfection. After accumulating so many merits, she was tested by a grave and prolonged illness, and with remarkable patience and other virtues, she shone until her death, which occurred on June 15th of the year 1886. It is scarcely possible to say how many works sprang forth from her industry. Orphanages, schools of every kind and degree, asylums, shelters for the elderly, refectories for children and workers, the care of domestic affairs in religious houses and seminaries, sisters entrusted with the care of seminarians, assistance for the displaced and emigrants, houses for the redemption of women, works for the protection of young people, reception centers for mothers and children, the tireless exercise of the works of charity of the Servant of God, all clearly demonstrate her concern for the salvation of her neighbors, and proclaim the sanctity of her life. Furthermore, due to her growing fame, ordinary canonical processes were held in the Bergomensi Ecclesiastical Court between the years 1913 and 1921, along with processes concerning writings and concerning the cult, which were brought to Rome and carefully examined. In addition, a further process was celebrated in the same Bergomensi Court in the year 1952. Meanwhile, letters of recommendation, primarily from the Most Blessed Father, at that time the titular Archbishop of Areopolis and Apostolic Visitator in Bulgaria, as well as from numerous Archbishops, Bishops, superiors of religious families, and other men of distinction in ecclesiastical office, reached the Apostolic See, confirming the same reputation for sanctity.

[*Latin ed. p. 277*]

Sacred Congregation of Rites 277, Observing the order of law, the Sacred Congregation of Rites, having considered the documents, decreed that it could proceed further on July 19, 1929. Only then, with the Most Reverend and Venerable Lord Salvatore Capoferri, the most astute promoter of the cause, and previously the Most Eminent and Reverend Lord, Father Alexander Cardinal Verde, the promoter of the cause, in the ordinary meetings of the Sacred Congregation of Rites held in Vatican on July 5, 1932, and later the Most Eminent and Reverend Lord Clemens Cardinal Micara, Bishop of Velletri, the new promoter of the cause, again in the ordinary meetings of the same Sacred Congregation held in Vatican on December 15, 1953, proposed the following question for discussion: Whether a commission should be signed for the introduction of the cause, in the case and for the purpose in question. And the Most Eminent and Reverend Fathers entrusted with the safeguarding of sacred rites, having heard the opinions of the prelates, especially the Reverend Father, the General Promoter of

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the Faith, considered it advisable to respond: Affirmative: that is, that the commission should be signed, if it pleases the Most Holy. Subsequently, these matters were faithfully reported to our Most Holy Lord, Pope John XXIII, by the Reverend Father Silvius Romani, the General Promoter of the Faith, and His Holiness, accepting the opinion of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, deigned benignly to sign the commission for the introduction of the cause of the Servant of God, Aloysius Palazzolo, with His own hand. Given in Rome, on November 20, 1958. C. Card. CICOGNANI, Prefect. L. © S. f A. Carinci, Archbishop of Seleucia, Secretary.

II. CANONIZATION OF THE VIRGIN, BLESSED MARY OF PROVIDENTIA, FOUNDRESS OF THE INSTITUTE OF RELIGIOUS SISTERS OF EUGENIA, HELPERS OF THE POOR.

ON THE QUESTION: Whether a commission should be signed for the resumption of the aforementioned cause of the Blessed One, in the case and for the purpose in question.

The eldest daughter of the Catholic Church, the most noble land of Gaul, has at all times produced children illuminated by doctrine and mercy towards the poor. In this our age, among those who have distinguished themselves by the sanctity of their lives and magnificent works,

[*Latin ed. p. 278*]

2;7 & Acta Apostolicae Sedis - The summit of Christian perfection has been reached; therefore, the Blessed Mary of Providence (in the world, Eugenia Smet), a virgin, foundress of the Institute of the Sisters Auxiliatrices for the Souls in Purgatory, is rightly numbered among the blessed. She, renowned for her merits and miracles, was deemed worthy by Pope Pius XII, of venerable memory, to be enrolled among the blessed in the Basilica of the Vatican on May 26, 1957. How great the veneration she has gained among the faithful is testified to by the growth of her religious order and the numerous favors granted by God through her intercession, among which are some that appear to be true miracles. Therefore, several Cardinals, Most Reverend Archbishops, and Bishops humbly implored Our Most Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, that the cause of her canonization might be resumed. At the instance of the Reverend Father Charles Miccinelli, of the Society of Jesus, the most astute promoter of the cause, and the Most Reverend and Reverend Lord Clement Micara, Bishop of Velletri, the Relator, in the meetings of the Congregation for the Holy Office, held in Vatican on January 27 of this year, proposed the following question for discussion: Whether a commission should be appointed to resume the aforementioned cause of the Blessed, in the case and for the purpose under consideration. The Most Reverend Fathers, entrusted with the safeguarding of the sacred rites, after hearing the report of the aforementioned Relator, and after hearing the votes of the Prelates of the Office, who gave their affirmative votes, decreed: Affirmative, that is to

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say, that a commission should be appointed, if it pleases the Most Holy Father. Finally, these matters were reported to Our Most Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, by the Reverend Father Silvius Romani, General Promoter of the Faith. His Holiness, approving the decree of the Fathers, deigned with his own hand to sign the commission for the resumption of the cause of Blessed Mary of Providence. Given in Rome, on January 28, 1959. C. Card. CICOGNANI, Prefect. © S. Henry Dante, Prosecretary.

[*Latin ed. p. 279*]

From the Roman Curia Diary: By means of documents from the Secretariat of State, the Most Holy Father, John XXIII, happily reigning, has deigned to appoint: March 20, April 7, 1959. The Reverend Father Barino, from Milan, of the Order of the Friars Minor Capuchin, as Apostolic Preacher. The Most Eminent and Reverend Cardinal Gonfalonieri Carlo, as a Member of the Sacred Congregation of Rites. The Most Eminent and Reverend Cardinal Cicognani Amleto Giovanni, as a Member of the Pontifical Commission for the State of the City of the Vatican. Likewise, by means of documents from the Secretariat of State, the Most Holy Father, John XXIII, happily reigning, has deigned to appoint: Honorary Chamberlains, wearing the purple cassock of His Holiness: November 7, 1958. Monsignor Dzieciol Vitoldo, of the diocese of Kielce. Monsignor Ahlert Rodolfo, of the diocese of Aix-la-Chapelle. November 18. Monsignor Blass Enrico, of the same diocese. Monsignor Bremer Giacomo, of the same diocese. Monsignor Brucherseifer Carlo, of the same diocese. Monsignor Esser Erberto, of the same diocese. Monsignor Fog Giles, of the same diocese. Monsignor Frings Otto, of the same diocese. Monsignor Gaspers Giuseppe, of the same diocese. Monsignor Gerson Alfonso, of the same diocese. Monsignor Haerten William, of the same diocese. Monsignor Haller Hermann, of the same diocese. Monsignor Harnacke Francis, of the same diocese. Monsignor Hoffmann Carlo, of the same diocese. Monsignor Hostenkamp Enrico, of the same diocese. Monsignor Jansen William, of the same diocese. Monsignor Kradepohl Anthony, of the same diocese. Monsignor Licht Augustine, of the same diocese. Monsignor Mollen John, of the same diocese. Monsignor Molis Michael, of the same diocese. Monsignor Roeckerath Michael, of the same diocese. Monsignor Schauf Erberto, of the same diocese. Monsignor Schnabel Egilberto, of the same diocese. Monsignor Schulte-Wieschen Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

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Most Reverend Stephany Enrico, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Theisen Edgardo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Thelen Guglielmo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Wackers Antonio J., of the same diocese.

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Most Reverend Willemsen Teodoro, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Bottacci Ivo, of the Archdiocese of Bologna.
Most Reverend Gandolfi Vincenzo, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mylanyk Giorgio, of the Diocese of Premislia dei Buteni.
Most Reverend Baco Girolamo, of the Diocese of Mileto.
Most Reverend Tosti Alfredo, of the Diocese of Anagni.
Most Reverend Musizza Carlo, of the Diocese of Trieste and Capodistria.
Most Reverend Bramini Angelo, of the Diocese of Lodi.
Most Reverend Corrado Luigi, of the Diocese of Crema.
Most Reverend Cuneo Luigi, of the Archdiocese of Genoa.
Most Reverend Magnasco Giuseppe, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Flieher Antonio, of the Diocese of Linz.
December 1.
Most Reverend Forstinger Carlo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Hamminger Augusto, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Kaser Giovanni, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Klostermann Ferdinando, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend König Giuseppe, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Pfeiffer Ermanno, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Reitshammer Giovanni, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Schwarzbauer Engelberto, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Schliessleder Giovanni, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Strigi Massimiliano, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Tischberger Giuseppe, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Schiaffino Simone (Rome).
Most Reverend Zampetta Vincenzo (Rome).
Most Reverend Monastero Vincenzo, of the Archdiocese of Palermo.
Most Reverend Rovellini Stefano, of the Archdiocese of Milan.
Most Reverend Camisassa Marcello, of the Archdiocese of Turin.
Most Reverend Fraccari Luigi, of the Diocese of Verona.
Most Reverend Castelli Giuseppe, of the Diocese of Ascoli Piceno.
Most Reverend Fadini Corrado, of the Prelature of Pompei.
Most Reverend Cesarini Vincenzo, of the Diocese of Senigallia.
Most Reverend Dolciotti Pietro, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Solimeni Vitangelo, of the Diocese of Venosa.
Most Reverend Altrichter Giuseppe, of the Archdiocese of Vienna.
Most Reverend Denk Francesco, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Domanig Francesco, of the same Archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Enzmann Giuseppe, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Friedrich Giovanni, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Gianone Egon, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Gluck Ambrosio, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Gobel Giuseppe, of the same Archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Alessandro Goldinger, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Giovanni Grill, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Giovanni Groger, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Giuseppe Hawala, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Carlo Hugel, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Ferdinando Kamon, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Giovanni Element, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Giuseppe Koroschetz, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Francesco Kosch, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Giovanni Kostka, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Luigi Kovar, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Francesco Lang, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Giuseppe Liener, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Otto Mauer, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Enrico Maresch, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Edoardo Mayrhofer, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Carlo Moser, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Luigi Penali, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Giacomo Pich, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Anthony Pichler, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Rudolph Reibenwein, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Giuseppe Schmid, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Giovanni Schneider, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Frederick Schuckert, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Giacomo Schwacher, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Alfred Semrad, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Gustavo Slanski, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Francesco Sotóla, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Alfred Speri, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Francesco Steiner, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Theodore Stief, of the same Archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Carlo Strobl, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Martin Stur, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Otto Taschner, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Theodore Troschky, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Leopold Ungar, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Giuseppe Velechovsky, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Francesco Wagner, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Anthony Wesely, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Alessandro Zwettler, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Giuseppe Guimaraes Fonseca, of the Diocese of Campanha.

Most Reverend Giuseppe Antonio Fernandez, of the Archdiocese of Meliapor.

Most Reverend Anthony Fasti, of the Diocese of Secovia.

Most Reverend Theodore Goger, of the same Diocese.

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Most Reverend Hansemann George, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Juri Hermann, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Kiegeri Charles, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Lippe Anthony, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Rossi Ernest, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Woworsky Joseph, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Zehrer Francis, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Sandoval Pacheco John, of the diocese of Sorocaba.

Most Reverend Ribeiro Viana Joseph, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Ribeiro John the Baptist, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Misiara Anthony Peter, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Sola Anthony Simon, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Murari Sylvester, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Skerbec Matthew, of the diocese of Ljubljana.

December 19, 1958.

Most Reverend De Ruggiero John (Rome).

Most Reverend Traversa Joseph Humbert (Rome).

Most Reverend Migliorini Gabriel, of the diocese of Vicenza.

Most Reverend Berndorff Paul, of the Archdiocese of Cologne.

Most Reverend Busch James, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Reinarz Henry, of the same archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Stinner Clement, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Vospohl William, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Coletti Arthur (Rome).

Most Reverend Mingucci Joseph, of the diocese of Pesaro.

January 1959.

Most Reverend Concesa Anthony, of the diocese of Cremona.

Most Reverend Cornacchio Louis, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Varischi John, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Cian James, of the Archdiocese of Gorizia.

Most Reverend Moggia Dominic, of the diocese of Luni.

Most Reverend Putti Eligius, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Dasso Dominic, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Ciabattini Raphael, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Della Gatta Henry, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Faggioni Constantine, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Botto Manlius, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend De Riccardis Pantaleon, of the Archdiocese of Otranto.

Most Reverend Spugnini Gaetano, of the diocese of Urbania.

Most Reverend Sabatini Mario, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Curzi Gaetano, of the diocese of St. Angelo in Vado.

Most Reverend Forster Joseph, of the diocese of Ratisbon.

Most Reverend Lehner John, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Meindl Anthony, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Proietti Genesius, of the diocese of Terni.

Most Reverend Fusco Mario, of the Archdiocese of Benevento.

Most Reverend Buonfrate Louis, of the diocese of Lech.

Most Reverend Tassi Anthony, of the Archdiocese of Modena.

Most Reverend Vignocchi Caesar, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Rock Louis, of the Archdiocese of Munich and Freising.

[*Latin ed. p. 283*]

Diarium Romanae Curiae 283, 14 January 1959. Most Reverend Silvestro Siciliano, of the diocese of Levkosia.

Most Reverend Giorgio Sommer, of the diocese of Spires.

Most Reverend Alberto Fioravanti, of the diocese of Nepi.

Honorary Chaplains *extra Urbem* of His Holiness:

19 November 1958. Most Reverend Domenico Romei, of the diocese of Avellino.

4 December. Most Reverend Giuseppe Polizzi, of the archdiocese of

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Palermo.

22. Most Reverend Ettore Tattanelli, of the diocese of Cortona.

Honorary Chaplains *supra numerum* of the Sword and Cape of His Holiness:

1 November 1958. Mr. Emilio Bonomelli (Vatican City).

Mr. Giovanni Moruzzi (Rome).

Mr. Elia Sayour, of the diocese of Brooklyn.

Mr. Enrico Heymeyer Van Heemstede, of the diocese of Haarlem.

2 December. Mr. Giovanni Pediconi (Rome).

Mr. Giulio Lamoril, of the diocese of Arras.

Mr. Adriano Leone Harmel, of the archdiocese of Paris.

3. Mr. Pietro Caudron, of the same archdiocese.

Mr. Emanuele G. Houdart de la Motte, of the same archdiocese.

Mr. Filippo Remy, of the same archdiocese.

Mr. Fernando Roy, of the same archdiocese.

Mr. Michele Fatta, of the archdiocese of Palermo.

4. Mr. Camillo Corsanego (Rome).

Mr. Girolamo Bottiglieri, of the archdiocese of Salerno.

Mr. Alberto Canaletti-Gaudenti (Rome).

Mr. Antonio Franco, of the archdiocese of Naples.

Mr. Luigi Brusati, of the archdiocese of Milan.

Mr. Luigi Colombo, of the same archdiocese.

Mr. Franco Daverio, of the same archdiocese.

Mr. Pietro Gerii, of the same archdiocese.

Mr. Luigi Meda, of the same archdiocese.

Mr. Guido Perego, of the same archdiocese.

Mr. Giuseppe Ricciardi, of the same archdiocese.

Mr. Gino Maggia, of the diocese of Padova.

Mr. Felice Huarte Goni, of the archdiocese of Pamplona.

Mr. Bo F. Gorthon, of the diocese of Stockholm.

Mr. Giuseppe Sinués y Urbiola, of the archdiocese of Saragozza.

Mr. Agostino Garcia Die, of the diocese of Barcelona.

Mr. Giovanni Flors Garcia, of the same diocese.

Mr. Fernando Cottet, of the same diocese.

Mr. Gioacchino Maria De Nadal, of the same diocese.

Mr. Giorgio Eyston, of the diocese of Portsmouth.

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Mr. Azzone Gnido, of the Archdiocese of Naples. Mr. Casanova Dalfó Ginseppe, of the Archdiocese of Valencia. Mr. Merolli Carlo (Rome). Mr. Giacomuzzi Luciano, of the Archdiocese of Udine.

December 23. Mr. Delhaye Raimondo, of the Archdiocese of Malines. Mr. R&ventós y Noguer Emanuele, of the Diocese of Madrid. Mr. Croon Guglielmo, of the Diocese of Rotterdam. Mr. Spoorenberg Pietro, of the same diocese. Mr. Arntz Stefano, of the Diocese of 's-Hertogenbosch.

January 10, 1959. Mr. Frascari Augusto (Rome). Mr. Domenech Marti Giovanni, of the Diocese of Barcelona. Mr. Torre Giovanni (Rome). Mr. De Donatis Salvatore, of the Diocese of Lech. Mr. Calsamiglia Saverio Riccardo, of the Diocese of Albenga. Mr. Carreño Gonzales de la Pumariega Fiorentino, of the same diocese. Mr. De Pinedo y De Larrea Luigi, of the same diocese. Mr. Cordella Giuseppe, of the Diocese of Atri.

December 14. Mr. Tan Gesù M., of the Archdiocese of Manila. Mr. Cortes Augusto, of the same Archdiocese. Mr. Zaragoza Giuseppe Maria, of the same Archdiocese. Mr. López Giusto, of the same Archdiocese. Mr. Girelli Pio (Rome). Mr. Ranaldi Carlo (Rome).

Secret Chaplains of Honor to His Holiness: November 7, 1958. Monsignor Venturi Celso, of the Archdiocese of Bologna. Monsignor Odescalchi Carlo, of the Diocese of Como.

December 17. Monsignor La Riccia Giuseppe, of the Diocese of San Severo. Monsignor Vitelli Antonio, of the same diocese. Monsignor Blumel Gerard, of the Archdiocese of Vienne. Monsignor Ressel Giovanni, of the same Archdiocese. Monsignor Schulenburg Giuseppe, of the same Archdiocese. Monsignor Spitzer Giuseppe, of the same Archdiocese. Monsignor Steffi Venceslao, of the same Archdiocese. Monsignor Stubenvoll Francesco, of the same Archdiocese. Monsignor Walter Rodolfo, of the same Archdiocese. Monsignor Leitinger Augusto, of the Diocese of Secovia.

December 18. Monsignor Pölzl Giuseppe, of the same diocese. Monsignor Remiseli Giovanni, of the same diocese. Monsignor Meijerink Guglielmo, of the Diocese of Stockholm.

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From the Roman Curia Diary: Chaplains of honor outside the city, appointed by His Holiness: November 19, 1958. Monsignor Giuseppe Pasquariello, of the diocese of Avellino. January 10, 1959. Monsignor Giusto Soranzo, of the archdiocese of Gorizia. January 14. Monsignor Guglielmo Ferrari, of the archdiocese of Modena.

HONORS: With letters from the Secretariat of State, the Holy Father Pius XII, of blessed memory, deigned to bestow:

The Order of Saint Gregory the Great, civil class, with commendatorship: August 25, 1958. Upon Mr. Giorgio Plichta, of the apostolic administration

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of Burgenland.

September 12. Upon Mr. Alfredo Verdross de Drossberg, of the archdiocese of Vienne.

September 17. Upon Mr. Climerio de Paulo Vieira, of the diocese of Guaxupé.

September. Upon Mr. Leone Bruneel, of the archdiocese of Malines.

September. Upon Mr. Marcellino de Schaetzen de Schaetzenhoff, of the same archdiocese.

September. Upon Mr. Francesco Hoosemans, of the same archdiocese.

September. Upon Mr. Andrea Nagant, of the same archdiocese.

September. Upon Mr. Fiorenzo Peeters, of the same archdiocese.

September 27. Upon Mr. Carlo Isidoro Jr. Denechaud, of the archdiocese of New Orleans.

The Order of Saint Gregory the Great, civil class, with knighthood: July 4, 1958. Upon Mr. Giuseppe Trufiy, of the diocese of Annecy.

September 6. Upon Mr. Francesco Bundervoet, of the diocese of Gand.

September. Upon Mr. Onorato Van Steenberge, of the same diocese.

September. Upon Mr. Giovanni Riccardo Ducros, of the diocese of Nîmes.

September 17. Upon Mr. Uberto Fris, of the archdiocese of Malines.

September. Upon Mr. Augusto Peeters, of the same archdiocese.

September. Upon Mr. Giovanni Plieger, of the same archdiocese.

September. Upon Mr. Arturo Steppe, of the same archdiocese.

The Order of Saint Sylvester, Pope, with commendatorship and insignia: April 1, 1958. Upon Mr. Francesco Opferkuch, of the archdiocese of Salzburg.

July 20, 1958. Upon Mr. Giovanni Scholz, of the archdiocese of Vienne.

September 17. Upon Mr. Giovanni Poskin, of the diocese of Liegi.

September. Upon Mr. Roberto Bagage, of the archdiocese of Malines.

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Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 286, September 17, 1958. To the Reverend Mr. Paolo Enrico Bouzin, of the same Archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Gerardo de Boe, of the same Archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Renato de Haes, of the same Archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Luigi Draps, of the same Archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Gilberto Mabille, of the same Archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Romano Roels, of the same Archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Giacomo Wertz, of the same Archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Antonio Romano, of the Diocese of Piracicaba.

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To the Reverend Mr. Alfredo Destexhe, of the Diocese of Liège.

September 6, 1958: The Knighthood of the Order of Saint Sylvester the Pope:

To the Reverend Mr. Roberto Wanas, of the Archdiocese of Vienna.

To the Reverend Mr. Mario Borre, of the Archdiocese of Malines.

To the Reverend Mr. Luigi Wailef, of the same Archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Costante van Gastel, of the same Archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Riccardo van Landuyt, of the same Archdiocese.

With tickets from the Secretariat of State, the Holy Father John XXIII, happily reigning, deigned to bestow:

The Grand Cross of the Order of Pius: November 21, 1958.

Upon His Excellency Eghbal Manoutclier, Prime Minister of Iran.

Upon His Excellency Hekmat Asghar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iran.

Upon His Excellency Ala Hossein (Iran).

Upon His Excellency Saed Maraghei Mohammed, Ambassador of Iran to the Holy See.

The Insignia of the Order of Pius: January 28, 1959.

Upon Count Lodovico Gazzoli (Rome).

Upon Count Tommaso Fani Ciotti (Rome).

The Commanderate of the Order of Pius: March 1, 1959.

To the Reverend Mr. Raimondo Giordano Towle, of the Archdiocese of Boston.

The Knighthood of the Order of Pius: December 12, 1958.

To Duke Giulio Patrizi di Ripacandida, of Castelgaragnone (Rome).

To Count Franco Franchi de' Cavalieri (Rome).

January 28, 1959.

To the Noble Riccardo Mazzaccara, of the Archdiocese of Milan.

To Mr. Francesco di Napoli Rampolla dei Principi di Resuttano (Rome).

To Marquis Alessandro Cavalletti (Rome).

[*Latin ed. p. 287*]

Diarium Romanum, 28 Ianuarii. Curia, 287, 1959.

Ad Dominum Pocci, Iacobum (Roma).

Ad Dominum Salimei, Marium (Roma).

Ad Dominum Theodoli, Alfonsum (Roma).

Ad Dominum Tosi, Gustavum (Roma).

Grandis Crux Ordinis Sancti Gregorii Magni, classis civilis: 21 Novembris 1958.

Ad Excellentissimum Dominum Garib Djamshid (Iran).

Ad Excellentissimum Dominum Mehbod Ahmad (Iran).

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Ad Excellentissimum Dominum Gharagozlou Mohsen (Iran).

Ad Dominum Aalam Djamshid (Iran).

Ad Dominum Adi Yahya (Iran).

10 Ianuarii 1959.

Ad Dominum de Launoit, Paulum, ex archidioecesi Malinae.

Grandis Crux Ordinis Sancti Gregorii Magni, classis militaris: 21 Novembris 1958.

Ad Generalem Ayadi Abdol Karim (Iran).

Ad Praefectum Navis Azchiravani Amid (Iran).

Ad Generalem Nassiri Nemat (Iran).

Commendatio cum Placa Ordinis Sancti Gregorii Magni, classis civilis: 21 Novembris 1958.

Ad Dominum Diba Fereydoun (Iran).

Ad Dominum Sadri Mohsen (Iran).

26 Martii 1959.

Ad Dominum Casas Briceño, Antonium (Venezuela).

Commendatio cum Placa Ordinis Sancti Gregorii Magni, classis militaris: 21 Novembris 1958.

Ad Legatum Ghazanfari Ali (Iran).

Placa Ordinis Sancti Gregorii Magni, classis civilis.

9 Ianuarii 1959.

Ad Dominum Dovifat, Emilioum, ex dioecesi Berolini.

3 Februarii.

Ad Dominum Marulanda, Iesum Mariam, ex archidioecesi Medellin.

6 Martii.

Ad Dominum Cattelani, Antonium (Roma).

Martii.

Ad Dominum Giulianelli, Iacobinum (Roma).

Placa Ordinis Sancti Gregorii Magni, classis militaris: 28 Ianuarii 1959.

Ad Dominum Mariotti Solimani, Iulium (Roma).

Commendatio Ordinis Sancti Gregorii Magni, classis civilis: 21 Novembris 1958.

Ad Dominum Adi Tabatabai, Mortezam (Iran).

Ad Dominum Chafa Chodjaeddin (Iran).

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Ad Dominum Achilli, Antonium (Roma).

Ad Dominum Carlini, Antonium (Roma).

24 Decembris.

Ad Dominum Marotta, Marium (Roma).

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Ad Dominum De Mello Breyner Audreseu, Thomasum (Portugallia), 6 Ianuarii 1959.

Ad Dominum Beguère, Antonium M., ex dioecesi Tarbes et Lourdes.

[*Latin ed. p. 288*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale 288, 6 Ianuarii, 1959.

Ad Dominum Campenon Edme Petrum M., ex eadem dioecesi.

Ad Dominum Vago Petrum M., ex eadem dioecesi.

Ad Dominum Gorlich Felicem, ex dioecesi Berolini.

Ad Dominum Köhler Iosephum, ex eadem dioecesi.

Ad Dominum Vicentini Bonaventuram (Boma).

Ad Dominum Shiro Haga (Iaponia).

Ad Dominum Orlini Seraphinum, ex dioecesi Ascoli Piceni.

Ad Dominum Tozzi Condivi Renatum, ex eadem dioecesi.

Ad Dominum Largacha Manrique Carolum, ex archidioecesi Medellin.

Ad Dominum Soto Del Corrai Ludovicum, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Ad Dominum Maccone Virgilium (Roma).

Ad Dominum Monfredi Angelum, ex archidioecesi Taranti.

Ad Dominum Aguirre y Gonzales Vincentium (Aequator).

Ad Dominum O'Muimhneacháin Mauritium (Hibernia).

Ad Dominum D'Auria Ugum, ex archidioecesi Neapoli.

Ad Dominum Coletti Philippum (Roma).

Ad Dominum Mannarelli Albertum (Roma).

Ad Dominum Rosati Angelum (Roma).

Ad Dominum Saraceni Iohannem Baptistam (Roma).

Ad Dominum Basso Evelinum, ex dioecesi Vicentia.

Ad Dominum Reggiani Carolum, ex dioecesi Cremonae.

Ad Dominum Rosini Iosephum, ex archidioecesi Genuae.

Ad Dominum Firmi Vincentium (Roma).

Ad Dominum Pancrazi Victorium (Roma).

Ad Dominum Desclée De Maredsous Iohannem, ex dioecesi Tournai.

Ad Dominum Desclée De Maredsous Iulium, ex eadem dioecesi.

Ad Dominum Herrera Méndez Horatium (Uraguay).

Commendatio Ordinis Sancti Gregorii Magni, classe militaris: 28 Ianuarii, 1959.

Ad Marchionem Ghini Silvium, ex dioecesi Cesenae.

Ad Comitem Cantuti Castelvetri Lambertum (Roma).

Ad Comitem Colacicchi Alessandri Eduardum (Roma).

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Ad Nobilem Sterbini Stanislaum (Roma).

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ACTA APOSTOLICAE SEDIS, Official Commentary.

ACTS OF POPE JOHN XXIII DURING THE SOLEMN CANONIZATION OF BLESSED CHARLES OF SEETIA, CONFESSOR, AND BLESSED JOACHIMA OF VEDRUNA, WIDOW OF MAS, IN THE BASILICA OF THE VATICAN, ON THE TWELFTH DAY OF APRIL OF THE YEAR 1959.

In response to a most urgent request, made by the Advocate of the Sacred Congregation, from the Most Eminent Caietano, Secretary of the Holy Roman Church, Cardinal Cicognani, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, the Reverend Father Anthony Bacci, from the Office of Letters to Princes, on behalf of His Holiness, replied as follows: The Most August Pontiff is deeply moved to honor these two Blessed souls in Heaven with the honors of sanctity among the militant Church, with whom they already enjoy the ranks of the triumphant Church. However, that the light of the Holy Spirit may more fully illuminate His mind, he earnestly desires that the entire Court of Heaven be implored, not only by all those present in the majesty of this Basilica of Peter, but also by those who, through radio waves, participate in these sacred rites, even though absent.

After the chanting of the Litany of the Saints, in response to a repeated and most urgent request, the same Reverend Father replied as follows: The Prince of the Apostles, "to whom the keys of eternal access are entrusted, whose earthly judgment is a foretaste of heavenly authority," through his Successor, will soon pronounce a decree. Peter, *Cf. St. Hilary, Ep. Pict., Comm. in Matth. 16; PL. X, 1010. 19 - ACTA, Volume I, No. 6. - May 16, 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 290*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 290. Let us listen to the venerable words of the one who speaks, from the mouth of John. Let the Church rejoice in accustomed triumphs; and let us all strive to imitate the exalted virtue of these saints. Then, the Most Blessed Father, seated in the Chair, solemnly pronounced this formula of canonization: For the honor of the Holy and undivided Trinity, for the exaltation of the Catholic Faith, and for the increase of the Christian Religion, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and of Ourselves: after mature deliberation, and frequently imploring divine assistance, and with the counsel of the Venerable Brothers, our Cardinals, Patriarchs, Archbishops, and Bishops of the Holy Roman Church present in the City, We declare and define the Blessed Charles of Setia, a Confessor, and Joachim of Vedruna de Mas, a Widow, to be Saints, and We add them to the catalogue of Saints: decreeing that their memory should be observed each year, on the day

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of their birth, that is, Charles of Setia on the sixth of January among the Saints, Confessors, and Joachim of Vedruna de Mas on the twenty-eighth of August among the Saints, Widows, not Martyrs, with pious devotion. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen. In the solemn Pontifical Mass, after the Gospel, this HOMILY was given by the Most Holy Lord: Venerable Brothers, beloved sons, considering with a pious heart the lives of these saints, We recall to mind this excellent saying of St. Francis de Sales: "All of us can attain Christian virtue and Christian holiness, no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in, and whatever office we may hold." 2 Charles of Setia, born in a humble place, was compelled from his childhood to earn his daily sustenance by cultivating the fields; cfr. Introduction to the Devout Life, Part I, chapter 3.

[*Latin ed. p. 291*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 291. Joachima, of noble lineage from Vedruna, was born, and from her tenderest age, all things seemed to smile upon her, promising the riches, the honors, and the fleeting pleasures that life so readily offers. Yet, neither was called to better and more lasting goods; rather, they gradually ascended to the highest summit of sanctity. For one shone with such purity of innocence that, even as a child, she attracted shepherds and farmers to her, and through her example, through pious stories of things done by Jesus Christ or by the Saints in this mortal life, and finally through exhortations with the utmost kindness and simplicity of spirit, she encouraged them to attain Christian virtue. So inflamed was she with love for God and for the poor, that she desired nothing more than to devote herself to pious prayers and meditations, and to help the needy in every way she could. The lily of virginity, which she had dedicated to the Immaculate Virgin Mary from her youth, she guarded with constant diligence; and not only did she restrain the allurements of the senses and the blandishments of pleasure, but she also atoned for the sins of men, weakening her innocent body through fasts and scourging. Nevertheless, she always received all with the utmost kindness, with heavenly joy, and with celestial delight, and she consoled those she could, with words and deeds, as far as her strength allowed. Finally, she entered the Franciscan Order, as she ardently desired, and made greater progress daily in acquiring Christian virtues; and, with the divine grace assisting and favoring her, she strove with remarkable zeal for the perfection of the evangelical life. At that time, she seemed to live a more angelic than human life; so that she was an example not only to her companions, but also to her superiors. And just as she was drawn to God and to men by love from her childhood, so, as the years passed, her love burned so intensely that she sought permission

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from her superiors to go to barbarian lands, not only...

[*Latin ed. p. 292*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Commentary 292: He was ready to give not only his possessions to his brothers, but also, if necessary, his blood, in order to restore them to the Catholic religion and to righteous conduct. He was especially devoted to the Divine Redeemer veiled in the Eucharistic linens; therefore, whenever he had free time, he spent long hours at His altar, adoring, praying, and contemplating, finding delight in this. Due to the fervor of his charity, it is said that one day he was deemed worthy to receive a heavenly reward. Indeed, when he was adoring the Divine Host publicly offered in the temple of this esteemed city, and pouring out his most ardent charity upon it, he saw a brilliant ray emanating from it, which, with heavenly fire, pierced his heart, as if it were an arrow. Therefore, on that very day, he could apply to himself the words of Saint Paul: "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain;" and "But I am straitened between two." This indeed happened with the most peaceful death, before the eighth day of January, in the year one thousand six hundred and seventy. Another, namely, Saint Joachima de Vedruna, reached the same heavenly beatitude, but through a completely different earthly journey. As we have said, she was of noble birth and abounded in riches; nevertheless, from her very youth, she began to seek not earthly things, but heavenly things, especially; therefore, at the age of twelve, she considered entering the religious life and earnestly requested to be received into the Order of the Carmelites. However, yielding to her father's will, and with the consent of her confessor, she entered into marriage with a pious and noble young man; in this marriage, she bore nine children, whom she diligently instructed in the right way of living and in Christian virtue. 3 Phil. i, 21. 4 Phil. i, 23.

[*Latin ed. p. 293*]

Acta Ioannis Pp. XXII, 1, 293. Sed cum adhuc in floriditate aetatis esset, et cum vir vidua facta esset, rursus ad vota sua pristina reversa est, et novo incendio ardoris se Deo totum dedicandi inflammavit. Et cum patria sua in difficillimis rerum condicionibus versaretur, et cum circa se turmas puellarum videret, quae, recta institutione experientes, per pronum vitiorum iter detrimentose corruerent, et cum multos aegrotos et pauperes videret, qui non solum terrenis, sed etiam caelestibus opibus carebant, consilium opportunum, non sine Dei nutu, coepit sacrarum virginum sodalitatem fundandi, quae esset et puellarum educationem, et aegrotantium curam suscipere, praesertim eorum, qui ad aerariam vel proletariam plebem pertinerent. In hoc opere molendo, perficiendo, amplificandoque, paene innumeras difficultates eluctari debuit, et omni genere rerum angustiarum, irrisionum, carceris squalore et exsilio tolerare. Verumtamen Deo unice confisa, quem supplicibus et assiduis precibus exorabat, in adversis etiam

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rebus ea serena plenaque pace frugebatur, « quae exsuperat omnem sensum », 5 cum e caelestibus sedibus oriatur; ea scilicet tranquillabatur pace, quam Divinus ipse Redemptor suis Apostolis his verbis pollicitus est: « Peace I leave with you: my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, do I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled: nor let it be afraid. » 6. Hac de causa, brevi temporis spatio, Instituti sui fundamenta iacere, divina suffragante gratia, potuit, quo tantopere contulit, cum ad rectam puellarum educationem, tum ad aegrotantium angores doloresque relevandos, et ad eorum spem ad caelestia erigendam, salutari cum animorum solacio ac profectu. In hac igitur Sancta Caelite, Ioachima de Vedruna, habent Sacrae Virgines Deo devotae, habent matres familias, habent viduae praeclarissimum, quod imitentur, exemplum. Primae discant ab ea quomodo Deo serviendum sit, hoc est animo semper ei unice dedito, hilari, amanti; alterae qua diligentia.

[*Latin ed. p. 294*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Commentary 294: May the official institution, with clarity, zeal, and diligence, be established, conformed, and educated; and may women, in particular, who are entrusted to this institution, learn how to maintain their composure even in afflicted circumstances and in sorrowful events, and how, by detaching themselves from these fleeting things, and by seeking divine assistance through prayer and supplication, they may be raised up to heavenly things, never failing. As for Us, Venerable Brothers and beloved sons, We pray with you for these heavenly blessings, that We, who are burdened by the weight of the Supreme Pontificate, may, through divine mercy, obtain all those things which are most necessary to successfully carry out the plans and undertakings which We have already announced to the Catholic world, with the help of heavenly grace; that there may be one flock and one shepherd for all Christians, united by fraternal love; and that all peoples may, finally, progress towards that prosperity which is composed of peace of mind, order, reason, justice, and charity, and which is a foretaste and harbinger of eternal happiness. Amen. LETTER TO THE REVEREND FATHER RENATO ZIGIOTTI, GENERAL MODERATOR OF THE SOCIETY OF SAINT FRANCIS OF SALES, CONCERNING THE NEW TEMPLE BUILT IN THE CITY AND DEDICATED TO SAINT JOHN BOSCO, WHICH WAS ABOUT TO BE CONSECRATED. Beloved son. The consecration of the temple, dedicated to Saint John Bosco in this beloved City, and the arrival in Rome, on this occasion, of his venerable remains, offer Us a welcome opportunity to address the great Salesian Family with Our comforting words. And We do so with great pleasure, and with deep emotion of the soul. Indeed, We are pleased to note the significance of this double event: a sanctuary is consecrated to the great

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apostle of youth; and *Cf. John 10:16*.

[*Latin ed. p. 295*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, page 295, speak of this very Rome, which was so dear to him, and in which he wished to leave precious memories of his piety; and on this occasion, after more than a hundred years since his first visit, he returned not in the modest simplicity with which he loved to conceal himself, but accompanied by universal veneration. We are therefore pleased to find in these recent events a confirmation of the providential disposition that closely bound the Holy man from Piedmont and his nascent work to this City, as the seat of the Successor of Peter. Indeed, the spirit that always animated St. John Bosco cannot be fully understood if one forgets his special devotion to the Roman Chair. On the other hand, Our glorious predecessors showed him paternal esteem and profound trust: Pope Pius IX, in fact, encouraged him to found his Society, and Pope Leo XIII entrusted him with the erection of the Basilica of the Most Sacred Heart. That small seed, sown then by that humble priest upon the word of the Supreme Pastor of the Church, was to grow and develop into a magnificent tree, which has now extended its hospitable branches to all regions of the earth, wherever there are souls to be saved. Thus, the return of Don Bosco to Rome, on the occasion of the consecration of the majestic sanctuary dedicated to him, takes on the value of a new, splendid episode of his love for the eternal City, and also a tribute of gratitude from this City towards him. Therefore, We are deeply pleased with you, beloved son, and with the entire Salesian Family. But another reason makes Our satisfaction even greater: We know that, around the new temple, magnificent buildings of schools and oratories are rising, modernly equipped, to accommodate and form the numerous young men and women of the vast Tusculan suburb. A new field of action therefore opens to the sons of Don Bosco; and no more suitable means could have been found to make more keenly felt, we might almost say, the spiritual presence of the Father and Master of youth in that area which will take its name from him. We are therefore confident that fruitful fruits of good will mature from these new works, and from the concerted efforts of so many educators, filled with the gentle and strong spirit of the Holy Founder. Indeed, youthful energies of mind and heart must be wisely cultivated, today as always, so that they may develop in serene harmony of knowledge and virtue: and this highest goal cannot be achieved without the genuine spirit of Christian education, the only one that forms man in his completeness and that ensures the lasting good of individuals and of society. From this spirit is per-

[*Latin ed. p. 296*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See – Official Commentary, speaks of the work of Don Bosco, and the fruits gathered thus far are a bright testament that

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the Lord has abundantly blessed it. Therefore, let us continue with faith, with dedication, with love in this holy educational mission, from which the Church and civil society so much hope for future generations; let us continue to instill in the hearts of young people, threatened by so many dangers, those great ideals skillfully instilled by Don Bosco – the Eucharist, the Madonna, the Pope – which alone can safeguard the great treasures they contain, and shape them for future duties; and may the new endeavors, which are being inaugurated, be a constant stimulus to an ever more ardent love for souls. With these paternal wishes, we raise our prayer to the Lord, that He may abundantly enrich the works begun with such zeal; and as a confirmation of the heavenly effusions of grace, we impart, from our heart, to you, to your Collaborators, to the Religious men and women of the Salesian Family, to the Co-operators, and to all the faithful of the new Parish, Our propitious Apostolic Blessing. From the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican, on the 1st of April of the year 1959, the first of Our Pontificate.

IOANNES PP. XXIII

To the Most Reverend Fathers:

Augustine Sépinski, Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor;

Victor Constantini, Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual;

Clement Milwaukee, Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin;

And John Bocella, Minister General of the Regular Third Order of St. Francis:

In the seven hundred and fiftieth year since Innocent PP. III approved and sanctioned the Rule, which governs the Franciscan discipline.

IOANNES PP. XXIII

Beloved sons, greetings and the Apostolic Blessing.

Since it is customary for men to celebrate birthdays, which indicate a new beginning of life, we believe it prudent and salutary that you, beloved sons, have decided to commemorate this event with pious joys and festive rites, which the Franciscan religious institutes have presented as their cradle.

[*Latin ed. p. 297*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 297. Soon after seven hundred and fifty years had elapsed, Our Immortal Predecessor Innocent III, moved by the heavenly grace which He foretold, ratified and sanctioned, with His own voice, the Rule of Saint Francis, the guiding principle of the Franciscan discipline, which your most holy legislator, Saint Francis, had requested, for the benefit of your Order. This fortunate event was then inscribed in golden letters

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in the ecclesiastical annals, bearing fruit in the abundance of good works. "A small spring grew into a great river, and overflowed with many waters: light and the sun arose, and the humble were exalted." – 1. May thanks be given to God, for through the Patriarch of the Church, He has conferred immense and illustrious benefits upon those burdened by needs and in present need of assistance. Indeed, whether in matters pertaining to asceticism and morals, or in those concerning civil society and the progress of arts and sciences among Christian peoples long deprived of true humanity, and among peoples striving to uphold the freedom and kingdom of the Gospel, the zeal of Saint Francis and his followers, truly like a flame, has been spread throughout the world, a zeal which time cannot diminish. Your legislator, Saint Francis, poor and rich, humble and exalted, depicted Christ as no other did, inflamed with seraphic ardor, and he desired, through the example of his life and through his teachings, to ensure that the foundation laid by the Divine Savior in upholding the Evangelical law remained unshaken: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." – 2. For if this is neglected, all things, however bright they may appear in words, will wither in fruit. Sharing the same high regard for the Franciscan family that Our Predecessors have always held, and moved by the bond that unites us with you – for we have been attached to the Franciscan Third Order since our youth – we seize this opportunity to urge you greatly to, with the eyes of your minds turned to the origin from which you have sprung, to walk "worthily of the vocation whereby you have been called, with all humility and gentleness." – 3. It is your duty not only to show the world, rushing headlong into wickedness through its desires, but also to demonstrate to the faithful children of the Church, through your example, how pleasing and desirable it is to serve God with the contentment of poverty, and to always rejoice and do good in the course of this earthly life. 4. Due to the remarkable progress of the arts, we are concerned by the present age's excessive pride.

1. Daniel 12:3
2. Matthew 5:3
3. Ephesians 4:1-2
4. Cf. Ecclesiastes 3:12

[*Latin ed. p. 298*]

The acts of the Apostolic See – Official Commentary. Many people, falling into atheism or neglect of divine laws, believing themselves to be quite sufficient, easily fall into error, and a certain icy winter threatens to cover them, lacking the spiritual sun. It is now supremely necessary that evils be upon avoided and the hope of a better age be renewed, so that, through the ministry and works of St. Francis, he may, in a certain way, return to the lands where his memory shines, and that the herald of penance and charity may draw back those captured by harmful desires,

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urging them to pursue and attain better things. That this may happily occur according to Our sentiments, indeed, that the holy will of God may be fulfilled, strive more and more to observe, according to the institute and custom of your Order, the Rule and all its statutes with the utmost diligence, and to undertake the duty of preaching the word of God with the ancient fervor of spirit, and with new methods and means appropriate to our present age, if necessary. Even if you are silent, let your life speak: let your manners demonstrate a solid faith, modesty, continence, and sincerity. May the very variety that, with God's permission, has existed in the religious institutions of the Franciscans, lead to emulation, which the Apostle St. Paul praises by urging: "But be zealous for the better gifts. And I shew unto you yet a more excellent way." Glory to the olive is its shoots; and the glory of the shoots is, if these grow vigorously and bear fruit with native juices. Finally, we pray to God, through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, your Queen, that the members of the Franciscan Order may increase in number and virtue, and that everywhere on earth, in promoting the Kingdom of God and light, they may acquire ever more precious merits. These things promised, we impart to you, beloved sons, and to the Franciscan families, of which you take such great care, the Apostolic Blessing with all our heart, upon their beginnings and labors. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the fourth day of the month of April, in the year 1959, in the first year of Our pontificate. JOHN PP. XXIII. 1 Cor. 12, 31.

[*Latin ed. p. 299*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 299. ADDRESS TO THE DIRECTORS AND DELEGATES OF THE FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES, who had come to Rome to pay their respects to the Most Blessed Father.

Among the many faithful who, as is their custom, during these days near Easter, approach the threshold of the Vatican buildings to see the Pope, you are a select group, those who represent the Federation of Catholic Universities. We greet you with a joyful heart, expressing our deep gratitude to the Most Reverend Van Waeyenbergh, Bishop in title of Gilba, and Magnificent Rector of the Catholic University of Louvain, and to Paul Dezza, who is diligent in his duties, whose presence and your gathering have brought us singular joy. Having traveled extensively throughout the years of Our pontificate, We have had the opportunity to visit many distinguished institutions of learning that are adorned with the name of the Catholic faith. Now, when We see you, We embrace in a single thought all the Catholic universities that flourish throughout the world: We contemplate their illustrious ranks of professors, renowned for their learning and the arts; We contemplate the almost countless throng of young students, well-educated, dedicated to the Kingdom of Christ and to His love, in whom the best hope for a better age is placed: "Behold the youth, and consider the strength."

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From this, Our immortal Predecessor, Pope Pius XII, in a brief document given in Apostolic Letters entitled "To the Catholic Universities," granted a legal form to your Federation, and soon ten years will have passed since that time. A joyful seed has grown into a tree that spreads strong branches. It is a manifest sign and indication that God favors your endeavors, as you strive to promote the highest interests of the Church and of society, to foster the cultivation of Christian humanism, and to unite the talents and wills of many.

Given on the 1st of April, in the year 1959.

1 Aen. 6, 77.

[*Latin ed. p. 300*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis • Official Commentary 300. Concerning your endeavors to achieve your objectives, we approve and rejoice that you diligently devote your care and thought to this matter; indeed, we not only urge you to persevere in this already extensive undertaking, but we implore you. May your association, which not only, so to speak, operates within domestic confines, but also exerts a salutary influence and effect in the highest councils and assemblies of nations, become ever closer and more solid; and may it strive ever more diligently to seek and reveal the truth through united effort, so that it may oppose the present materialism as a bulwark and defense. Sadly, many, due to a conceited notion of progress in the arts, by which the hidden forces inherent in the nature of things are harnessed and converted to human uses, believe that they can live without God, neglecting God's law and setting aside the fear of God. Nothing more disastrous and deplorable can befall the human race and civil society; and in some regions of the world, one can see the bitter fruits of this error being harvested. For since God is "the cause of the constituted universe," and the light for understanding truth, and the source of drinking in happiness, what is it to turn away from God, if not to plunge into the darkness of perversity and unhappiness, and to undermine the very foundations of human society by overturning what is right and just? It is rightly and justly observed that, as disciplines and arts are now increasingly separated from each other, there is a danger that, while individual details are scrutinized minutely, the truth, by which all things are united and attain their proper order and degree, may escape the eyes of the contemplating mind, to the great detriment of all. Therefore, it is most important that higher causes of unity be sought, so that they may shine forth like radiant stars for those who study. These higher causes of unity must be sought in the very mutual connection of doctrines and arts, in perennial philosophy, and in sacred theology. We say more: the apex of unity in knowing and acting is Christ, the Word of God: He Himself is the Truth, through whom all things exist, by whom all things were made, and in whom all things hold together. "By faith we understand that the world was framed by the word of God,

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that from invisible things visible things might be made." All things are illuminated in the highest reasons by Him, from whom they exist; therefore, "neither be ye called masters: for one is your master, Christ." Be therefore all of you bearers of God, bearers of Christ, bearers of fire. As you know, we have decided to hold an Ecumenical Synod for many reasons of the highest importance. This Synod, which is of the Holy Church of God,

[*Latin ed. p. 301*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 301: The city, situated on a mountain, will offer a wondrous spectacle of union, unity, and concord; by its very nature, it will invite those brothers and sisters who are adorned with the Christian name to return to the universal flock, to which Christ has entrusted the leadership and guardianship with an unwavering will to the most blessed Peter. That this undertaking may achieve its desired effect in a more auspicious era, after so many storms and tempests, we earnestly implore you to devote your efforts, to provide prudent and helpful assistance, while we openly and sincerely declare that we place great confidence in your virtue, in the varied resources of your knowledge, and in your prayers. We pray that heavenly assistance may be granted to you, to your students in Athens, in all that is salutary, desirable, and promising of joy; and in the investigations in which you diligently engage, seeking the truth, and we impart the Apostolic Blessing, "with a great heart and a willing mind."

II. To those who are holding the first Ciceronian Congress in Rome, representing all nations.

* You, who are holding the Ciceronian Congress in Rome, representing all nations, have come to us, offering acts of piety that honor you with conspicuous humanity and courtesy, and bring us joy. As these Paschal festivities are taking place, and we are more burdened than usual by business and the throng of travelers, we are prevented from spending much time with you and conversing at length; we will say only a few things briefly. We heartily congratulate you on your excellent endeavors, in which you are diligently and earnestly engaged, as you investigate the works of the greatest author of Latin eloquence, so that you may impart the light you gain from them to as many as possible. Praises, 1 which flowed from the very mouth of Cicero himself in the oration *Pro Archia*, are deservedly attributed to such knowledge and understanding: "These studies ennoble youth, delight old age, adorn prosperous times, and offer refuge and solace in adversity; they delight at home, they do not hinder abroad, they stay with us at night, they travel with us, they spend time in the countryside." And give you all a heart to worship him, and to do his will with a great heart, and a willing mind.

* Given on the 7th day of April in the year 1959.

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1 Chapter VII.

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For there are many, driven by the wondrous progress of the arts, who, in an abnormal manner, reject or restrain the study of Latin and other similar disciplines, so that they may be citizens of this new age, devoted above all to calculations and reason. We believe that, given this very necessity, the opposite course must be employed. Since it is entirely fitting that what is more worthy of human nature and dignity should be sought after with greater zeal, we must strive to acquire that which nourishes and elevates the soul, lest miserable mortals, like those things which they manufacture, become machines, cold, hard, and devoid of love. By the most provident design of God, the wisdom of the ancient Greeks and Romans, and the Gospel of Christ, who is the "Through the bowels of the mercy of our God, in which the Orient from on high hath visited us." Among these, Cicero holds an outstanding rank and place: he, besides other things, acknowledged God as the Creator and Governor of all things, and he placed the nature of law in a serene light; he proclaimed faith, constancy, truth, and integrity with splendid pronouncements, as the foundation of justice. Moreover, he taught concerning the duties of each individual, and – it is pleasing to recall – foreshadowed the true Christian law with a prophetic spirit: "We wish those to be strong and courageous, and at the same time good and simple, lovers of truth and in no way deceitful..." Therefore, those who are strong and courageous are to be considered not those who do wrong, but those who repel injustice.

3. St. Augustine, in the third book of his Confessions, describes the remarkable effect that Cicero's work, entitled "Hortensius," had on his senses and his morals: "That book changed my disposition, and it changed my prayers, and it made my desires different. Suddenly, all vain hopes became worthless to me, and I longed for the immortality of wisdom with an incredible fervor of heart."

4. What St. Augustine felt, we desire, with paternal prayers, that you, our beloved, may also feel, by reading, meditating upon, and loving the monuments of ancient wisdom, and that, with your minds elevated, you may always hold before you the imperishable and most firm goods, for which we were created, without which we cannot live rightly and happily. Having said this, we pray to God for all things favorable, joyful, and salutary for you, for your endeavors, and also for your relatives.

2 Luc. 1, 78.

5 Off. 1, 19.

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4 Cap. I I I , 7.

[*Latin ed. p. 303*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, Volume 3, page 303: The eighth assembly of the Federation of veterans, composed of men from all nations who were called to military service during the war, is being held in Romae.

We gladly welcome, according to the desire expressed to Us, the members of the Congress of the World Federation of Veterans, who, in Our eyes, represent the twenty million veterans of both World Wars, belonging to thirty-six nations spread across the five continents: an immense family of men who faced each other yesterday on the battlefields and who today constitute a peaceful army, concerned only with sparing future generations the horrors of a conflict that would be – it is easy to foresee – even more atrocious than the previous ones. We feel very close to these men, as We Ourselves, as you know, am a former infantry sergeant from the First World War. We shall never forget – for they were deeply imprinted in Our soul – the sufferings of the wounded and the dying, among whom We had to exercise Our priestly ministry. With what heart We, too, called for the cessation of hostilities and the return of peace! This peace is not something that can be brought about by the decision of a temporal power, unless care has first been taken to establish it in the hearts of men: "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, and murders, and adulteries, and thefts, and false testimonies, and blasphemies" (Matthew 15:19). The Church works precisely to regenerate man from within, to root true peace in souls, and to make it shine forth upon families, social classes, and nations. Devoid of material weapons, it possesses, on the other hand, the highest spiritual power, to which the visit you are making to Us today is meant to be a tribute. We want to tell you how much We appreciate your initiative, and how happy We are to see among you a face that is very familiar to Us, that of your Honorary President, Mr. Vincent Auriol. We cannot forget the great kindness that He always showed Us. * [Note: The text indicates this was written on April 11, 1959.]

[*Latin ed. p. 304*]

304 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale. The Most Reverend Pancien, President of the French Republic, who was pleased, at the conclusion of Our mission as Apostolic Nuncio to Paris, to bestow upon Us the cardinal's insignia. To him, and to you all, and to all those whom you represent, We offer Our most heartfelt greetings and encouragement, beseeching God to bless your persons and your endeavors, and to pour forth His richest blessings upon the work of your Congress. IV. Those who had come to Rome for the solemn canonization of Blessed Charles of Sezze and Blessed Joachima of Vedruna. * We are delighted to open Our arms in the most welcoming greeting to you, beloved sons and daughters, who,

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guided by your pastors and the civil authorities of your countries of origin, have come to Rome for the canonization of Blessed Charles of Sezze and Blessed Joachima of Vedruna. Yesterday, in the splendor of the Basilica of the Vatican, in the sovereign majesty of ancient rites, you witnessed, trembling and moved, the solemn act by which they were declared saints. Your emotion was great, because you felt yourselves more closely united to the new Saints, by the unbreakable bonds of lineage and nationality, as well as by common faith. But let us tell you that great was Our joy and Our emotion: for since the Lord willed to raise Us to the responsibility of Supreme Pastor of the Church, this is the first occasion on which, trembling at Our unworthiness, We have proclaimed before the whole world, before the very heavens, the heroic example of these sons of your land. Let a hymn of thanksgiving ascend to Almighty God for the grace He has given Us; and let your jubilant rejoicing also rise up, because your peoples, rich in ancient virtue, have thus offered to the Lord two new, splendid gems. In the homily which We delivered yesterday during the Mass, We briefly outlined the lives of the two Saints, and We do not wish to repeat ourselves today. However, We would like to emphasize once again how their providential association in the rite of canonization highlights that before God, all are called to holiness, without distinction. It has come to pass * on the 13th day of the month of April, in the year 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 305*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 305: ancora una volta, la sublime dulzura del invito del Salvatore: «sitote ergo perfecti, sicut est perfectus Pater voster qui est in caelis»; palabras que armoniosamente resuenan con aquellas de la antigua ley: «sitote sancti, quia ego sum sanctus, Deus vester et Dominus vester».

2. Partiendo de diferentes caminos, los dos protagonistas de la solemnidad de ayer llegan a un único objetivo: la muerte a su propia naturaleza, la perfecta adecuación a la voluntad de Dios, el ejercicio heroico de las virtudes. ¡Mirad a San Carlo da Sezze! Es un pastor, un simple; y sin embargo, ¡qué esplendor bajo la tosca corteza de su tosca túnica, qué altísima contemplación en esa apariencia modesta! Su predilección, que demuestra hasta qué grado de heroísmo vivió el Evangelio y el genuino espíritu franciscano, es por la humildad, el ocultamiento, la aniquilación de sí mismo. No busca "otra cosa que Jesucristo, y esto, el crucifijo".

3. Y Jesús lo exalta, hasta el triunfo espiritual, culminado ayer en el rito solemne. Desconocido, o casi, en vida, hoy es venerado por las supremas autoridades de la Iglesia. Incluso por los grandes del mundo, incluso por aquellos que quizás no se hubieran dado cuenta de él durante su vida. La enseñanza que él hoy nos imparte es la de un absoluto amor al silencio, al desapego, a la humildad; valores que el mundo desprecia, pero que solos valen ante Dios. ¡Mirad a Santa Gioacchina de Vedruna! Viene de

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una ilustre familia de la noble tierra de España, y tendría todas las dotes para recorrer con distinción los brillantes caminos del éxito mundano. Sin embargo, también ella está conquistada por el amor de Dios y del prójimo, y en las más diversas situaciones vive heroicamente el Evangelio hasta fundar una familia de Carmelitas, que en la caridad encuentren la única razón de ser y de sacrificarse; así, madre de no menos de nueve hijos, se convertirá en madre, aún hoy beneficiosa, de innumerables pobres. Y en toda su vida, un hilo la dirige, invisible y seguro: el hacer la voluntad de Dios. "Hijo mío", son sus palabras, "abandonémonos a la divina Providencia, dejemos a Dios la cura de todo... y hagamos en todo su dulce voluntad...". Y aún: "Dios paga el cien por uno. Si queremos obtener gracias, debemos hacer el bien". Aquí está su enseñanza: palabras simples, al alcance de todos; y sin embargo, han sido el secreto de su santidad.

1. Matth. 5, 48.

2. Lev. 19, 2.

3. 1 Cor. 2, 2.

4. ACTA, vol. I, n. 6. — 16-5-1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 306*]

306 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale. Itinerarium, diversum et idem, duorum Sanctorum, solum in principio divergit, propter oppositas condiciones historicas, sociales, geographicas, sed in unum finem confluunt: amor, amor, amor. In Sancto Carolo de Sezze, radicatus est in humilitate; in Sancta Joachina, in obsequio; et in utrisque, in absoluta dedicatione Deo et animis. Semper est suavissimum, profundissimum resonare praecepti evangelici: "Deo tuo Domino, ex toto corde tuo, et ex tota anima tua, et ex tota mente tua, diligis"... "et proximum tuum, sicut te ipsum" (Matth. 22, 37-39); est pacata exhortatio ad exercitium quattuordecim operum misericordiae, quae Nobis tam gratae sunt, et quae esse volunt cotidianam operam evangelizationis, possibilis omnibus Christianis, quae, sine rumore vanarum vocum, novam societatem in Christo Iesu aedificat. Filii et filiae carissimi! Bene superbis de his duobus florebus sanctitatis! Hi sunt testimonium virtutum antiquarum, quae semper regnaverunt in regionibus vestris, et cuius patrimonium nunc curis vestris diligentibus commendatur. Sanctus Carolus et Sancta Joachina vobis dicunt, gentes Italiae, gentes Hispaniae, quod debetis custodire praetiosum depositum traditionis antiquae, in quo est secretum verae gloriae terrarum vestrarum, a Deo benedictarum. Hi vobis loquuntur etiam de amore ad Ecclesiam, et ad eius perpetuum magistrium; vobis meminerunt quod absoluta debet esse fidelitas ad divitias domesticas bonorum morum et rectarum praeceptorum; vobis dicunt quod non sunt res mundi quae valent – non honor humanus, non nobilitas sanguinis, non divitia – sed facere simpliciter et ordine voluntatem Dei, in eo cognoscendo, amando et serviendo recte, ut deinde in Caelo aeternum eo

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fruantur. Exemplum coniunctum duorum Sanctorum nobis etiam felicem occasionem praebet ad inculcandum in cordibus vestris aestimationem vitae consecratae Deo in votis religiosis, praesertim hodie, cum iuventus generosa ab falsis mirabilibus illusorii successus terreni depellatur; ergo affirmamus superioritatem vocationis sacerdotis et religiosae super alias status vitae, etiam ilium qui est sacrificatus et fidelis Domino. Sed volumus etiam manifestare laudem nostram paternam et exortantem illis familiis quae sciunt aestimare et revereri in gremio suo donum vocationis, et quae se putant felices si Domino alium filiorum suorum dant, si Ille eos vocat. Sciantae sint hae familiae quod sibi parant beatitudinem aeternam.

[*Latin ed. p. 307*]

Acts of Pope John XXII, 1, 307, bringing sweet consolations in this land, and above all, a brilliant crown in the Heavens. These are the exhortations that we intended to address to you, beloved sons. We therefore entrust the fruit of these words to the newly declared Saints, efficacious intercessors before the throne of God. But before confirming our vows with the paternal Apostolic Blessing, we wish to offer a greeting to the beloved sons present here from the land of Spain. And now, a word in Spanish, to tell you all the joy we feel in seeing gathered together such a select and numerous group of personalities from Spain: the most worthy Cardinal of Tarragona, almost twenty Bishops, the highest local and provincial authorities of Barcelona, and so many fervent pilgrims. It has been a great comfort to us to place, with the first canonization of our pontificate, Saint Joaquina Vedruna, glory of Barcelona, honor of Spain, cradle of Saints, on the list of the Saints. We bestow, as a pledge of divine gifts and as a testimony of our affection for that noble country, a particular blessing that we desire to extend to your homes and families, and to your loved ones. We reside in the Patriarchal Archbasilica of the Lateran, where Religious members from the entire Seraphic Family were present, in the seven hundred and fiftieth year since the Apostolic See ratified the Franciscan Rule. * To the Venerable Brother and beloved sons! These first months of our apostolic service as successor to Saint Peter in the Roman episcopate are marked by a succession of historical and religious dates, which bring a happy omen. This present gathering of Christian fraternity of priests and laymen, of various languages, in diverse configurations of attire, but with equal simplicity and vivacity of memories and hearts, is one of the most characteristic and most joyful. Here at the Lateran, in the Basilica "mother and head of the city and the world," * On April 16th of the year 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 308*]

308 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - The official commentary. It is the Apostles who gather us here this evening; but Saint Francis of Assisi, the "catholic man and wholly apostolic," who has gathered his children around him for

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over seven centuries. From the large bronze statue in the immense square, he invites us to contemplate the magnificent and mysterious "seat of the Pope and the Patriarchs." Behold him in the central mosaic, shining in a place of honor, between the Madonna and Saint Peter, and his great son, Saint Anthony of Padua, between Saint John the Baptist and the Evangelist. Here and there, on the old tombstones, his blessed name reappears, and the memory of the illustrious events of his visit to this holy and most venerated hill over the centuries, as in the inscription of Pope Nicholas: "Francisci proles primus de sorte Minorum" – the first of the five Franciscan Popes. Tonight, we remember his Rule, which drew us up here. It seems as if the figure of Pope Innocent III, of incomparable memory, resting here in his noble and magnificent mausoleum, has awakened from his sleep to reaffirm to us the reality of his dream, the prodigy of divine Providence: that this Rule, approved not without hesitation at first, and then, by divine inspiration, recognized as the call of Jesus to his highest teaching, was first adorned with the apostolic seal. It may inspire some wonder to see the multiplication of religious families, which, under the same name of the Poor Man of Assisi, present such numerous, and sometimes impressive, variations in habit, in monastic life, and in forms of apostolate. But for those who know how to examine the depths of human feeling, of the heart, of the mind; for those who, having seen much of the world, are aware of ancient and recent experiences, and who know how to distinguish between what is sacred principle and eternal Gospel, and what is the changeability of climates, of temperaments, of local circumstances: they are rather astonished by this fidelity to the fundamental principles of the ancient Franciscan Rule, this fervor of return to its original purity. The law of nature that colors the dawns, makes the midday blaze, and makes the evening more mild and gentle, only fears the coming of night; this law applies entirely to the order of the human spirit, individual and collective, and prepares new days. Therefore, only the night is to be feared when it prolongs its shadows, and becomes impervious to every new light. The great, immense, and varied Franciscan Family is like a wonderful ship that sails the Ocean. It has three anchors:

[*Latin ed. p. 309*]

From the Acts of Pope John XXIII, page 309, a most fervent defense of his pontificate. These [virtues] secure vast and lasting conquests, beyond every storm, above every adversity of heaven, earth, and sea. The essence of Franciscanism lies in these virtues of defense and conquest. Three words say it all and summarize the great Rule, which Pope Innocent approved: "Poverty; obedience; charity." The two most reliable and devoted illustrators, Thomas of Celano and Saint Bonaventure, in what they have recounted about Saint Francis and the beginnings of his work, have offered to the world the most perfect manual of religious and holy

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life, and the truly masterful form for obtaining, through the collective effort of all the sons of Saint Francis, most consoling successes of religious and social renewal. Oh! Holy poverty! What a wealth, what a counsel, what a vow! This is said of actual poverty. This must be repeated for the poverty of spirit. The four great Franciscan Families – the Friars Minor, simply called, the Conventual Friars, the Capuchin Friars, and the Third Regular Order – possess a vast body of literature, ancient and most modern, concerning the concept, the forms, and the practice of poverty. More interesting, however, than the doctrinal discussions is the illustration of the advantages and serene joys of poverty. It perfectly realizes what the Author of the Imitation of Christ so eloquently says: "Dimitte omnia, et invenies omnia." Leave everything and you will find everything. Not differently did the good Jacopone da Todi sing in his rhymes: "Sweet love of poverty, How much we desire to love you: Poverty, little one, Humility is your sister." With what follows, in a delightful expression of concepts and phrases. It can happen, it is true, that in the exercise of this fundamental virtue of Franciscanism, due to the very poverty itself, riches may abound, even material riches: and that in the spirit, through the words "paupertas in divitiis abundavit," a feeling of universal dominion may penetrate, even in the physical world, which, through indiscretion, may...

[*Latin ed. p. 310*]

It can become dangerous, even leading to confusion in the order of ideas and daily practice. Therefore, prudence and moderation are necessary. Let us not forget the passage in the "Little Flowers," where Brother Angelo, finding himself with Saint Francis on his return from the East, on a deserted and delightful island in the Venetian lagoon, invited the birds that had come to celebrate with him to join their singing to the recitation of the breviary. The birds responded with their chirping: but in such a joyful and clamorous manner, that Brother Francis, who had initially been so pleased with their festive company, had to ask them to stop that singing, which disturbed his prayer so much. Of great significance in the holy Rule, approved by Pope Innocent, besides poverty, is obedience: to the Bishop, and particularly to the Bishop of Rome. ("Subditi et subiecti pedibus Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae," according to the expression of Saint Francis. The history of the Church, studied without animosity, provides the most complete documentation of how much success there is in the life of religious orders in pure and simple obedience to the Holy Church, and how much disadvantage and desolation they lament and weep, following, individually or collectively, the paths of insubordination and indiscipline. In our youth, we observed an ancient painting, spread across an entire wall of a magnificent church from the 14th century. The painting is called the "Tree of Saint Bonaventure": with brothers climbing with simplicity on the strong branches; others, bold and impetuous, who miserably fall. Often,

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deception follows secret ambition and arrogance. The author of "The Imitation of Christ" proceeds undeterred: "Often it is asked what a man has accomplished: but there is no care to seek with what spirit of obedience he proceeded in his effort. It is preferred to seek whether he is powerful, rich, beautiful, skilled, a wise writer, a pleasant singer, a lively speaker, an tireless worker, but it is not asked whether he has a spirit of obedience, of poverty; whether he is gentle, pious, interior. Nature often deceives: the obedient spirit always sings of victory." 2 What can be said of the third characteristic and fundamental attribute of every good brother in Saint Francis? The spirit of catholicity and of apostolate, as Saint Francis presented it to his contemporaries, he bequeathed as a precious inheritance to his brothers, after having established it as a precept.

[*Latin ed. p. 311*]

From the Acts of Pope John XXIII, page 311, in the Holy Rule, it is written that "Pope Innocent, a glorious man, also most fluent in doctrine, most eloquent in speech, and fervent in zeal for justice," after careful deliberation, approved and blessed [this Rule]? Saint Bonaventure, in his "Maior Legend" and "Minor Legend," dedicates moving pages to the preparation of this rule of missionary apostolate on a grand scale, which was to mark the course of the work of winning countless souls, a work that would unfold over more than seven centuries, for the widespread knowledge, for the triumph of the name, the love, and the entire spiritual kingdom of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. The rich libraries, where in numerous volumes, both ancient and new, are collected the deeds, often stained with blood, of the Franciscan Missionaries, are not to be honored as laurels upon which the heirs of so much glory rest; but as encouragements, made more vivid on this occasion of centennial celebrations, to "strive for better gifts." This is a glory of the Franciscan Families, which should be carried on, as is commendably observed, in a noble and holy competition with all other spiritual forces of missionary apostolate, which continue in distinct groups, today more active than ever, towards the tasks that have become exceedingly arduous and challenging in many parts of the world. Let the voice of Saint Francis, always gentle and powerful, in harmonious accord with the other illustrious fathers of the apostolate, who in heaven are special protectors of missionary congregations founded by them, be an inviting call to all to a concentration of invincible energies, from various points of the earth, where we work, suffer, and spiritually fight against the spirit of darkness; so that the great tribulation that afflicts the Holy Church in these years may be calmed, and may return as a blessing even upon those who oppress freedom and truth. And now, beloved sons and daughters of the Franciscan Families, and all others who belong to the countless associations of charity and apostolate that are inspired by this ideal, let us unite in holy fraternity in singing the hymn of thanksgiving for the 750 years of

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industrious vitality of the "Rule of Saint Francis"; and let us add the fervent prayer: "for many years, for the peace and salvation of our souls, for the glory and blessing of the entire Holy Church of God." Beloved children! Allow us to add a special word from the heart to those present who belong to the peaceful army of the Franciscan Seculars. "I am Joseph, your brother." We love to say this to you with tenderness. We have been so since, as a young boy of fourteen years...

[*Latin ed. p. 312*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale 312 na, die 1 Martii 1896, regulariter in eorum numerum scripti estis, per ministerium Canonici Ludovici Isacchi, Nostri Patris Spirituali, qui Director erat in Seminario Bergomensi: et amamus Dominum benedire pro hac gratia quae nobis concessit cum felici synchronia cum actu initiandi nos, eodem anno, et in illis mensibus, ad vitam ecclesiasticam per Sacram Tonsuram. O! gaudium serenum et innocens illius coincidentiae: Terziarius Franciscanus et clericus ad sacerdotium pervians; ideoque, per eosdem funiculos simplicitatis, adhuc inconscia et felix, quae nos usque ad altare benedictum comitabant: quae nos deinde in vita omnia dabant. Oculi Nostri, aliter, ab infantia, familiares fuerunt ad visionem simpliciorem conventui regularis Fratrum Minorum de Baccanello, qui in extensa regione Lombardiae, ubi nati et cresciti sumus, prima aedificatio religiosa erat quae inueniebamus: ecclesia, humile monasterium, campanarium, et, circum, humiles fratres qui se spargebant per campos et domos rusticas ad laborem, diffundentes illam aurationem simplicitatis ingenuae, quae Sanctum Franciscum et filios eius tam amabiles faciebat. Sit nobis concessum dicere quod, post longum iter per vias mundi, et accesseramus tantas nobilissimas productiones illius spiritus apud viros doctos, illustres et santos, qui Ordines Franciscanos et Ecclesiam Christi honorarunt in nomine Patris Seraphici Assisiensis, nihil umquam tam dulce et delitiosum animi Nostri fuit, quam reditum ad Baccanello, ad illam innocentiam, ad illam mitiorem, ad illam sanctam poetriam vitae christianae, maturatam in sacerdotio, et in servitio Sanctae Ecclesiae et animarum. Inter ea memora, humilis Terziarius Franciscanus, qui Papa factus est in successione Innocentii III, Nicolai V, et usque ad Papam Leonem XIII, et sine aliquo minuendo primitivae simplicitatis, immo eam plus quam umquam gustans, inter ea memora, dicimus, quod diebus praeteritis in Sancto Petro, ebrietatem spiritualem ineffabilem gustavit in laudando novum Sanctum Ecclesiae Domini: Sanctum Carolum de Sezze, modestissimum fratrem laicum Fratrum Minorum, cui gratia, puritas, simplicitas, inspiratio maturavit coronam tam fulgidam donorum caelestium hic et gloriae supernae ad gaudium nostrum, ad exemplum nostrum, ad protectionem nostram. Ad conventum etiam agrestem, sed tam carum de Baccanello, ad evocationem memoriarum dulcissimarum totius Vitae Nos-

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trae, volo...

[*Latin ed. p. 313*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 313: We are pleased to send, as a papal gift, the precious reliquary, which the Order of Seraphim has graciously offered to us as a perpetual reminder of this glorious event. Just as the great Patriarch Francis, so too his most recent, blessed brother, Saint Charles of Sezze, poor and humble, enters into heaven, and is honored by celestial choirs, alleluia, alleluia. Beloved brothers in Saint Francis, we repeat to you, to us, and to all the great admonition that comes to us from above: This is the great rule that we celebrate; this is the path that leads to life, to blessing, and to glory. Alleluia, alleluia.

RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS TO THE BELGIANS, ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY SINCE RADIO BROADCASTS CONCERNING SACRED MISSIONS, COMMONLY CALLED "THE MISSION HOUR," BEGAN IN THAT NATION.

*With joy, We seize the opportunity that the tenth anniversary of "The Mission Hour" offers Us to address Our beloved sons of Belgium who dedicate themselves to the great cause of Catholic missions. To the founders and promoters of this fortunate initiative, We express with all our heart Our gratitude for all the good that has been accomplished through it. With the approval of the ecclesiastical authority and the generous cooperation of the Belgian national radio station, "The Mission Hour" broadcasts, indeed, twice a week—in both national languages—various information and reports, and especially precious family messages, which bring to those who are far away personal comfort, help in their work, and a testimony of the faithfulness of the Motherland. One must rejoice at such an achievement, and We cordially congratulate those responsible for this program. We also gladly greet the religious and civil personalities gathered for these anniversary celebrations, and all those in Belgium who work for the benefit of the missions. We know the praiseworthy effort made by the Belgian Catholics to provide the Church with religious, nuns, secular priests, and lay apostles, of whom she is so in need to spread the light of the Gospel throughout the world and to ensure a rapid and secure growth for the young Christian communities. And We...

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[*Latin ed. p. 314*]

314 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale. Nous pensons très spécialement à vous, familles chrétiennes qui avez donné un de vos enfants pour une si grande cause et qui continuez à soutenir son apostolat par vos prières et votre dévouement. Soyez remerciées! "L'esprit missionnaire et l'esprit catholique sont une seule et même chose," a rappelé Notre vénéré Prédécesseur Pie X II. Développez donc largement parmi vous ce

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double esprit, le regard ouvert sur les immenses besoins de l'Église dans le monde. "La vitalité catholique d'une nation, disait encore Pie X II, se mesure aux sacrifices qu'elle consent pour la cause missionnaire." Vers vous enfin, chers fils et chères filles de Belgique qui servez l'Église dans les pays de Missions, Nous Nous tournons avec une affection toute paternelle. Oubliant ce qui est derrière vous, et saisis par l'amour du Seigneur Jésus, vous avez quitté votre Patrie, vous avez brisé des liens très chers, pour aller travailler sous d'autres cieux et au milieu d'autres peuples à l'expansion de l'Église. La raison d'être de votre vie et de votre action, c'est désormais le Royaume de Dieu! Et, en même temps que vos forces, vous avez donné votre cœur à ces populations auxquelles vous fûtes envoyés et que vous servez loyalement et généreusement. Ô, autres fils et chères filles, Nous connaissons vos labeurs; et Nous sommes heureux de vous dire en quelle estime Nous tenons votre si belle vocation et combien vous êtes tous présents à Notre prière. Que Notre parole vous soit aujourd'hui une source de joie et un encouragement dans la poursuite de votre tâche. Comme gage d'une large effusion de grâces divines sur les promoteurs de l'Heure Missionnaire, et sur Nos chers fils de Belgique qui, à un titre ou à un autre, se consacrent au service des Missions, Nous vous accordons de grand cœur, en ce dixième anniversaire, Notre paternelle Bénédiction Apostolique.

II. AUX ORDINAIRES DES LIEUX ET À TOUS LES FIDÈLES DU MONDE, POUR QUE, DANS LE MOIS DE MAI, ILS ÉLEVANT DES PRIÈRES POUR LE CONCILÈCE ŒCUMÉNQUE.

* Très révérends frères dans l'épiscopat et chers fils du monde catholique! Dans cette ère, comme les peuples chrétiens l'ont souvent expérimenté et expérimentent encore, Dieu le Père est présent de manière plus intense dans les affaires humaines, et, plus la charité diminue, plus elle est nécessaire.

[*Latin ed. p. 315*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, page 315, more forcefully urges the sons to embrace piety, virtue, and penance; and, as nefarious evils increase from all sides, we perceive her to be the most merciful intercessor, who prays to Divine Mercy for us, and averts the deserved punishments of our sins. Indeed, we have a patroness who has great power with Divine Majesty; we have a Mother who piously has mercy on all the labors that the sons endure. Therefore, let him allow himself to be drawn into the crisis of salvation, who, tossed by the storms of this age, refuses to grasp her helpful hand. Furthermore, Mary is most closely united with the Church, for she, persevering in prayer in the Jerusalem cenacle with the Apostles, was prepared for the coming of the Holy Spirit, who on that sacred Pentecost day filled her with divine power, and thus caused a multitude of nations to be joined to her; indeed, as our predecessor, Pope Pius XII, said, "She was the one

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who, with her most powerful prayers, obtained that the Spirit of the Divine Redeemer, already given on the Cross, would be conferred upon the newly born Church with prodigious gifts on the day of Pentecost." Therefore, who would deny that the purpose of the Church, and the difficulties with which it is burdened, pertain most closely to the same Divine Mother? And so, it is necessary that he who, with a sincere desire, seeks the good of the Church and its progress, should offer fervent and suppliant prayers to the Virgin Mary. Therefore, we affirm and declare that we place great hope in the intercessions that are made by the faithful, inflamed with love for the Mother of God. Moreover, since during the month of May, which by a most venerable custom is dedicated to the celestial Virgin, special prayers and religious observances are held, we have decided to exhort the entire Christian people to seek, during this time, a happy outcome for the cause, which is certainly of the greatest importance and weight, from the Divine Mother. For, as we have already clearly stated, we intend to convene an Ecumenical Council, which will deal with matters of the greatest concern to the entire Church. We are convinced that, in order to achieve this great undertaking, no human means are sufficient, but that the prayers of the faithful, offered and persevered in, can accomplish much. Therefore, it is the duty of the sacred pastors to encourage the flocks entrusted to them to offer fervent supplications to the Blessed Mother during this month, the most powerful helper of the Christian cause, and the most merciful Queen of heaven and earth. In particular, the clergy of both orders, whom Mary embraces with special love, should be called to dedicate themselves to this our purpose with great and continuous prayers.

[*Latin ed. p. 316*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 316, these things are to be commended. Let all religious women, who, detached from worldly affairs, serve Christ in monasteries, do likewise. Let the faithful people strive this month, which is filled with flowers, to offer prayers daily before the altars of the Virgin, so that with this intention they may celebrate her praises and offer the most honorable prayers of the Rosary, weaving them into a crown. If the opportunity to go to the temples is lacking, let them offer humble prayers within the walls of their homes. Those who are afflicted by illness should offer their sufferings, as a most acceptable sacrifice, so that this most loving Mother may be merciful. Finally, let us encourage boys and girls, who shine with innocence and grace, to make vows for this cause, which is so dear to Us, so that she, adorned with virginal purity, may more readily receive and hear the prayers of souls. Especially, let the novendial prayers, which are commonly held before Pentecost throughout the world, and which will be held this year in the same month of May, be offered with greater devotion, and let all, before the altars of the Mother of God, rightly called the Bride of the Holy Spirit, implore the gifts of the same Holy Spirit,

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that a new Pentecost may smile upon the Christian family. Therefore, let this almost united prayer, which is offered from the entire Catholic Church to her, who from her throne in Cattolica, the Queen of Heaven, favors our hopes. While we are held in this expectation, we impart to you, Venerable Brothers, and to all who respond with willing hearts to this our exhortation, our most loving Apostolic Blessing in the Lord.

A WRITTEN MESSAGE GIVEN TO THE BISHOP, WITH THE PAPAL SEAL, FROM JOHN, IN ROME, ON THE FEAST OF THE HOLY BODY OF CHRIST, TO HIS HOLINESS, URBAN, BLESSED CARDINAL, POPE PIUS X, PATRIARCH OF VENICE, DELEGATE, TO THE CITIZENS CELEBRATING.

* My dear Cardinal Patriarch, I accompany the great guest with a few words, but with a moved and almost trembling heart, in the act in which he fulfills the sacred commitment of his word of honor: "Living or dead, I will return." The Holy Pope Pius X indeed returns now to Venice, for only a few days, in the appearance of death, but more alive than ever in the splendor of his recognized holiness, * on April 11th.

[*Latin ed. p. 317*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, page 317, officially proclaimed: a new treasure of blessings and celestial favors for his homeland. My venerated and immediate predecessor, Pope Pius X of blessed memory, whom I now rejoice to see associated with the peace and glory of the Roman Pontiffs, graciously pardons my humble pleasure in having been able to secure the favor of this visit of Saint Pius X to his Venice, which he had repeatedly assured me he would grant, and for which he later apologized for having to postpone. Even in this delay, it pleases me to see the good Providence, which willed to show itself singularly benign; secretly intending to prepare, at a more opportune time, the great gift and the circumstances that would render its presentation more noble and more applauded. The Patriarch Sarto, when, at the end of July of 1903, he abandoned his gondola for the last time at the station of Saint Lucy, with anguish in his heart, trembling at what awaited him on the banks of the Tiber, could certainly not foresee that, more than fifty years later, his fifth successor on the chair of Saint Mark would have to assume his patriarchal dignity and the highest pontifical dignity, reserved to fulfill the prophecy and the promise of the hour of farewell. Today, the two hours are joined: "Behold me here, my children of Venice," Saint Pius X said to them upon his first arrival, "the waiting was long: but I am here in body as I departed, now weakened, it is true, but just as your fathers and many of you, the older ones, saw me. My spirit, too, in the possession and peace of God, is just as it was: but more alive than ever, and all radiant with celestial glory and power, at your service and for your blessing." My Lord Cardinal Patriarch. Let us rejoice and be glad in the Lord, for He has arranged all things for salvation and for peace.

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The expressions of your letter of the 5th of the month to the clergy and the faithful could not better summarize, once again, and fix in more delicate and happy lines the distinct and paternal character of the Holy Father Pius X, as we knew him, and as he remains and will remain, a most precious practical example of pastoral zeal and encouragement for the good service of the Holy Church and of souls. During the month that the sacred remains were under the resplendent vaults of Saint Mark, my thoughts will often turn to Venice, enjoying the mingling with the pious throng – Venerable Bishops, beloved clergy, and fervent faithful – equally animated by the same feeling of homage and of confident imploration of all the graces of heaven and earth. Lift up your hearts: lift up your hearts: lift up your voices and your works. Let us all.

[*Latin ed. p. 318*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 318, together let us pray thus. I believe that something mysterious and joyous must be unfolding through this journey of the Holy Father Pius X through the lands of Italy. Your saints, O Lord, gladden us everywhere. We shall receive that sacred deposit in triumphant fashion upon his return to Rome. A final note, filled with both sadness and tenderness, touches my heart. Some months ago, I felt my desire fulfilled that, when my time came, it would be granted to my remains to rest near the tomb of Saint Mark, in devout company with the last patriarchs of Venice, whose remains I gathered from the various tombs of the city. I now clearly see that the designs of the Lord for me are revealed even in this matter. Fiat voluntas Dei. It will be too great an honor for me, but also a source of sweet sadness, to be laid near the altar of Saint Pius X in the Vatican Basilica; and from there, though in a more humble place, to join his voice, imploring blessings and graces for the entire Christian flock, with particular reference to the souls and families of our Venetians, admirable for their Christian virtues, and worthy of esteem and great affection. My Lord Cardinal Patriarch! Courage always, and for all our dear children, from Heaven, from Rome, and from Venice: joy, peace, and blessing. IOANNES PP. XXIII.

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APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTIONS

I. OF THE APOSTOLIC PREFECTURE OF SULU (JOLO), IN THE

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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, WHICH IS ELEVATED TO THE RANK AND DIGNITY OF AN APOSTOLIC VICARIATE, TO BE CALLED (JOLO).

PIUS, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD,

For the perpetual memory of the Holy Church, that is, the Kingdom of Christ, which the sacred prophets of God foretold would encompass all peoples and nations (Ps. 11, 7-8), and which daily engages in fierce struggles with its enemies, extends its boundaries, and, through wise leaders, instills heavenly wisdom in men, calling them to salvation with maternal solicitude.

Since this has happened in a singular way in the Apostolic Prefecture of Sulu, in the Philippine Islands, our venerable Brothers, the Cardinals of the Most Holy Roman Church, Prefects of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, have judged it to be a most opportune decision if the same Prefecture were elevated to the rank and dignity of an Apostolic Vicariate; for in this way, not only will due praise be given to the Fathers of the Congregation of Oblates of the Most Holy Virgin Immaculate, who labor there, but also their zeal will be increased for new endeavors in the growth of the faith. We, with the advice of the venerable Brother Giles Vagnozzi, Archbishop with the title of Myra, and Apostolic Nuncio in the Philippine Islands, having approved all these things and concurring with the opinion of those concerned, by our apostolic authority, we decree the following:

We reduce the Apostolic Prefecture of Sulu to the order of Apostolic Vicariates, with the same boundaries; and we wish that Vicariate, from the city which is the principal city of that region, be called "Jolo," and that the Fathers of the Society of Oblates of the Mission be its administrators.

[*Latin ed. p. 320*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Commentary 320. The official mission of the Most Holy Virgin Immaculate Conception is established, granting it the rights and privileges pertaining to all apostolic vicariates, and imposing upon the sacred prelate to whom its governance is entrusted the duties and obligations customary for prelates of his rank. Furthermore, the venerable Brother Giles Vagnozzi, whom we have mentioned, will ensure the execution of these Our mandates, to whom we grant all the powers that he may delegate to any person, provided that he is constituted in ecclesiastical dignity. In fact, he will order the drafting of these documents, and will promptly send copies faithfully written to the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. And if, at that time, another person presides over the Apostolic Nunciature in the Philippine Islands, he shall carry out these Our instructions. We intend these Letters to be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those for whom these pertain will religiously observe what has been decreed by them, and thus they will obtain their

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force. No prescriptions of any kind can be contrary to the effectiveness of these Letters, since by these Letters we abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, no one is permitted to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these Letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person constituted in ecclesiastical dignity and are signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented. Let anyone who shall disregard or in any way despise Our decrees know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, near St. Peter, on the twelfth day of the month of July, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, in the twentieth year of Our pontificate.

OELSUS Cardinal.

COSTANTINI PETRUS Cardinal.

FUMASONI BIONDI, Substitute of the Holy See, Chancellor of the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Secretary.

Begens Albertus Serafini, Prot. Apost.

Caesar Federici, Prot. Apost.

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[*Latin ed. p. 321*]

Acta Pii PP. XII 321 H. The PUNIENSIS (AYAVIRIENSIS) territory is separated from the Puniensis diocese and a new "nullius" territorial prelature, to be called Ayaviriensis, is established, to be subject to the metropolitan Church of AREQUIPENSI. PIUS, Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God, for the perpetual memory of the matter:

From those dioceses, whether because of the extent of the territory, or because of the number of inhabitants, which the sacred pastors, even if diligent and industrious, can scarcely govern, the Apostolic See is accustomed to separate a portion and to establish another ecclesiastical circumscription. With this condition existing in the Puniensis diocese, which indeed extends very widely, desiring to promote the benefit of the Christian faithful in the Republic of Peru, having heard the reasons presented to Us, either by the venerable Brother Franciscus Lardone, Bishop in the title of Rhizaeanus and Apostolic Nuncio in that Republic, or by the venerable Brother Albertus Dettmann and Aragon, Bishop of Puniensis, after carefully considering the matter and with the consent of those who have some authority in this matter, by the fullness of Our power, We decree and order the following: We separate from the Puniensis diocese that portion of territory which comprises the civil provinces commonly called Melgar, Carabaya, and Sandia,

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and We establish a new "nullius" prelature, to be called Ayaviriensis; with the same boundaries as those civil provinces. We place the seat of this new prelature in the city commonly called Ayaviri, from which it derives its name, and the temple there, dedicated to God in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, in which the Ordinary's chair will be placed, We raise to the rank and dignity of the prelature's cathedral. We grant to the Prelate, and to the prelature itself, all the rights and privileges which are proper to such Prelates and Churches. At the same time, We impose obligations and duties upon the Prelate, by which others are bound according to the law. We intend this "nullius" prelature to be a suffragan of the metropolitan Church of Arequipa, and its pastor to be subject to the Archbishop of Arequipa. Furthermore, it is of great importance to prepare young men for the priesthood...

[*Latin ed. p. 322*]

322 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary: We decree that, in order to properly establish and develop the institutions, it is commanded that the Ordinary Prelate, as soon as possible, take care to establish at least an elementary seminary, according to the laws of the common law and according to the norms transmitted by the Holy Congregation for Seminaries and Universities. From this seminary, young men will be selected and sent to the Pontifical College of the Pia Society in Latin America, for instruction in philosophical and theological disciplines. With regard to the clergy, we decree that as soon as the Territorial Prelature of Ayaviri is truly established, priests of the Church shall be considered assigned to it, within whose territory they legitimately hold a benefice or ecclesiastical office; other clerics, within whose territory they legitimately reside. The prelacy's sustenance, which they call the "prelacy table," shall be constituted from the revenues of the Curia, from the offerings of the faithful, from stipends to be granted by the civil authority, and finally, from a suitable portion of the goods of the Diocese of Puno, which will accrue to the new prelacy according to the norm of canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law. We also command that matters concerning the administration of the prelacy, both spiritual and temporal, and other matters of this kind, be governed according to what the sacred canons prescribe. Furthermore, we wish that all documents and records pertaining to the prelacy and its clergy, faithful, and temporal goods, be transmitted from the Curia of the Diocese of Puno to the Curia of Ayaviri, to be diligently preserved in a properly established archive. The venerable Brother Francis Lardone, whom we mentioned above, will ensure that these decrees are carried out, and for this reason, we grant him all the faculties and powers necessary and appropriate to carry out the matter, which he may delegate to any other person, provided that he is duly constituted in an ecclesiastical office. We impose upon him the obligation to draw up documents regarding the actions taken and to send prompt and

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true copies to the Holy Consistorial Congregation. If, at the time of execution, another man presides over our Nunciature in the Republic of Peru, he will take care to carry out our commands. We wish these documents to be effective now and in the future, so that those to whom they pertain will observe what has been decreed therein religiously, and thus obtain their full effect. Nothing contrary to the effectiveness of these documents, of any kind, shall be able to prevail, since by these documents we derogate from all such things. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to divide or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, copies of these documents, whether printed or handwritten, bearing the seal of a man duly constituted in an ecclesiastical office, and signed by a public notary, shall be valid.

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Acta Pii PP. XII 323, the same faith must be held regarding these matters, if they were demonstrated. Whoever, in general, should despise or in any way condemn Our decrees, let him know that he will incur the penalties established by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given from the Arch of Gandulf, near Rome, on the thirtieth day of the month of July, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, in the twentieth year of Our Pontificate. CELSÜS Cardinal, COSTANTINI © MARCELLUS Cardinal, MIMMI, S. R. E., Chancellor of the Sacred Congregation Consistorialis a Secretis, Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancery, Regens, Albertus Serafini, Prot. Apost., Caesar Federici, Prot. Apost. Loco © Plumbi In Cane. Ap. tab., vol. XCVIII, n. 56. APOSTOLIC LETTERS, WITH TITLE AND PRIVILEGES, BESTOWING THE DIGNITY OF A BASILICA MINOR UPON THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH DEDICATED TO SAINT GEORGE THE MARTYR, IN THE CITY OF VICTORIA, WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE GAUDISIENSIS DIOCESE. PIUS PP. XII, For the perpetual memory of this event. — The church dedicated to Saint George the Martyr is rightly praised, which is a renowned ornament of Victoria, the principal city of the island of Gozo, rising from the azure sea of the Inner Sea, and of the diocese of that name. It is indeed conspicuous for its antiquity, although the tablets by which its origin is definitively established have been lost; it is certain that it bore the title of parish church as early as the year 1550. With the increasing number of the Christian faithful, a larger church than the original building was constructed in the middle of the 17th century, bearing the Latin cross, as it is called, and a dome was added to it, for which the island's administrators and the people contributed with pious zeal. This church has been shaken by earthquakes not once, so that it has been necessary to repair and alter it in part. Finally, at the turn of

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this century,

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324 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - The official record, with its extensive additions, provides a detailed account, and a new section has been added, concerning the expenses incurred for the Christian people. The temple has also been adorned with numerous embellishments, whether through sculptures, roofing work, painted images, or objects covered in gold. Furthermore, it gleams with various types of marble, and equally precious sacred furnishings have been added, so that one can say that the temple is perfectly equipped for the celebration of divine rites. This church, which until the year 1905 was closely associated with the main temple of Gozo, is, as it were, a theater of fervent faith and piety, and it is not difficult to see how it has been transformed into its most exquisite splendor. Moreover, it is fitting to remember that the faithful have always held Saint George in particular esteem, and, as tradition recounts, through his powerful intercession, plagues and other evils have been driven away from the inhabitants. Moved by these events, the Venerable Father Joseph Pace, Bishop of Gozo, requested that We grant this temple the title and status of a Minor Basilica. Gladly accepting these requests, and after consultation with the Sacred Congregation for Sacred Rites, with Our certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic authority, by the force of these letters, and forever, We consecrate the church to God in honor of Saint George the Martyr, in the city of Victoria, within the territory of the Gozo diocese, and We elevate it to the dignity and honor of a Minor Basilica, with all the rights and privileges that rightfully belong to sacred buildings bearing that title. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions. We decree, We establish, We decide that these present letters shall remain forever firm, valid, and effective; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that those to whom they pertain, now and in the future, shall fully comply with them; and that they shall be duly judged and defined; and that they shall be declared void from this moment and forever, if anything contrary to these provisions should be attempted by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, with any authority whatsoever. Given from the Palace of Gandulfi, under the Fisherman's ring, on the sixth day of the month of September, in the year 1958, the twentieth year of Our pontificate. By special mandate of the Most Holy, to the Cardinal Prefect for Public Affairs of the Church, GILDO BRUGNOLA, by Apostolic Brief.

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The Sacred Congregation of Rites, 325. ACTS OF THE HOLY CONGREGATIONS. THE HOLY CONGREGATION OF RITES. CONCERNING THE BEATIFICATION AND CANONIZATION OF THE VENERABLE

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SERVANT OF GOD, HELENA GUERRA, FOUNDRESS OF THE INSTITUTE OF THE OBLATES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, COMMONLY CALLED THE SISTERS OF SAINT ZITA. REGARDING THE QUESTION OF WHETHER AND ABOUT WHICH MIRACLES IT IS ESTABLISHED IN THE CASE, AND TO WHAT EFFECT, THAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE BRIDE OF CHRIST, IS DISTINCT FROM OTHER SOCIETIES WHICH CLAIM TO BE DIVINE, AND IN PARTICULAR, THAT WHICH IS PROPER TO HER, THE MARK OF SANCTITY. This, indeed, although it must be sought from the head, which is Christ, and from his doctrine, and from the proper means of sanctification, must also shine forth in the members who belong to her, according to the precept of the Divine Master: "Be you therefore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matt. 5:48), which the Apostle to the Gentiles interpreted as follows: "This is the will of God, your sanctification" (1 Thess. 4:3). Thus, in the Holy Catholic Church, faithful men and women have always flourished, who, while living in the world, have shone forth in sanctity. And the Church calls this sanctity an altar worthy of honor, which is proven by the exercise of all virtues in a heroic degree, and to which God Himself adds the splendor of miracles, as if by an external seal impressed by His divine hand. Indeed, the Venerable Servant of God, Helena Guerra, Foundress of the Institute of the Oblates of the Holy Spirit, commonly called the Sisters of Saint Zita, having exercised heroic virtues, Pope Pius XII, with due observance of the prescribed laws, solemnly decreed on June 26, 1953. Now, since God seemed to wish to openly manifest and commend the sanctity of this Venerable one through heavenly signs, an investigation was instituted concerning two miracles.

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Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 326, regarding relics, which, through the intercession of the same, were disseminated, so that the Blessed in Heaven might be honored thereby. Furthermore, the miracles which were presented to this Sacred Congregation by witnesses have been carefully examined and favorably acknowledged, and today, through the promulgation of this decree, they are approved by the authority of the Supreme Pontiff. The first of these occurred in the year 1951: Sister Bernarda Pratola, from the Institute founded by the Venerable Servant of God, began to experience discomfort in her nose in August of the year 1948, and subsequently, doctors diagnosed a chronic rhino-pharyngitis with ozena. The main symptoms of this affliction were: atrophy, crusts of a greenish color, and a foul odor that offended those around her, but not the patient herself, whose sense of smell was completely dulled. Several expert physicians, after establishing the diagnosis, agreed that either the abundant use of human remedies was ineffective, or that the disease was progressing for the worse. Meanwhile, the suffering of the patient grew

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more intense with each passing day. Then, Sister Bernarda, having lost all hope of regaining her health through medical assistance, humbly invoked the help of the Venerable Helena Guerra; and behold, suddenly, on June 18th of the year 1951, which was the last day of the second novena of prayers, during the evening prayers of the religious community, she found herself completely healed. This healing, and its subsequent persistence, was attested to by doctors, experts who examined her, and those who had taken their vows, and they affirmed that it had occurred beyond the power of nature. Another miracle occurred in the year 1955, and here is a brief account: On the evening of February 12th, Adelaide Diodati, an eighty-two-year-old woman, while attempting to turn on an electric light, fell so badly that she was unable to get up on her own, tormented by excruciating pain. Relatives rushed to her aid, and they were horrified to find that the old woman's leg was dangling and no longer suitable for supporting her body. Late in the evening, the doctor was called, who diagnosed a fracture of the right femur, and, due to her advanced age, he did not believe that she would recover, and, in fact, he feared the onset of pulmonary complications. He prescribed only palliative care, as he believed that nothing else would be of benefit. The patient, who had conversed with the Venerable Helena Guerra when she was young, turned to her intercession, saying that she was certain of obtaining healing. Therefore, for three weeks, she humbly implored the Venerable's help, until, on March 16th of the same year, her leg was completely

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The Sacred Congregation of Rites has examined case number 327. Besides the natural order, these healings are judged by experts appointed by the Holy Congregation to have been wrought by God. Investigations concerning these miracles were conducted under Apostolic authority in the archiepiscopal court of Lugo, the legal validity of which was recognized by decrees of this Holy Office on October 16, 1953, for the first case, and on April 26, 1957, for the second. Therefore, with all due legal considerations observed, and with the favorable expert opinion of the medical college, these same miraculous healings were discussed in a preparatory meeting of the Congregation held at the Vatican, specifically on June 14, 1955, and again on April 29, 1958; and finally, in the general assembly held there before His Holiness Pope John XXIII in this present year, on February 10th. In that final meeting, the Reverend Cardinal Clemens Micara, Bishop of Velletri and General Vicar to His Holiness, proposed a question for discussion: Whether and concerning which miracles it can be affirmed, in the case under consideration, that they occurred and to the effect alleged. All those present, both the Reverend Cardinals responsible for safeguarding sacred rites, and the official Prelates and Consultor Fathers of this Holy Congregation, gave their affirmative votes. His Holiness, with a mind in-

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tent on the proposed miraculous healings, and imploring the light of heavenly wisdom, postponed giving his judgment. Today, March 11, 1959, after most devoutly celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, he summoned the Reverend Cardinals Caietan Cicognani, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation, and Clemens Micara, who presented the case, as well as the Reverend Father Silvius Romani, General Promoter of the Holy Office, and myself, the undersigned Prosecretary, and, in their presence, solemnly declared: "It is established that there are two miracles, through the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God Helen Guerra, namely, the first: the instantaneous and perfect healing of Sister Bernard Pratoła from chronic rhinopharyngitis, and the second: the instantaneous and perfect healing of Lady Adelaide Diodati from a fracture of the right femoral neck." This decree is to be made public and recorded in the acts of the Sacred Congregation. Given in Rome, on this 11th day of March in the year of Our Lord 1959.

[Signature] y. C. Card. CICOGNANI, Prefect

[Signature] S. Henry Dante, Prosecretary

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Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 328 II. MARIANOPOLITANA. Regarding the Rite of Beatification and Canonization of the Venerable Lajemmerais, the First Abbess, General Superior, and Servant of God, Marie Margaret D'Youville, Foundress of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity.

A QUESTION: Whether and in what instances it has pleased the Divine benevolence, in order to strengthen our frailty, to manifest itself through outstanding examples of virtue and piety, when, according to the necessities of morals or times, men and women, pre-eminent in Faith, Hope, and Charity, and other virtues, have shone forth with heavenly light in every state of life. For some have lived in celibacy or in virginity, some under the sacramental bond of Christian marriage, some in monasteries, or in solitary retreats.

However, in the eighteenth century, the merciful Lord offered us a woman of remarkable virtue, Marie Margaret Dufrost De Lajemmerais, widow of D'Youville, who, at the same time, presented a most brilliant example to her contemporaries and posterity of virginal purity, conjugal chastity, maternal affection, widowed continence, and the perfection of religious life. After her death, which occurred in the year 1771, the fame of her sanctity grew ever greater, so that, with due observance of the laws to be observed, a Decree was issued by Pope Pius XI, of blessed memory, on May 3, 1955, by which the Servant of God was solemnly declared to have cultivated the theological virtues and other virtues, as well as her companions and associates, in the manner of the heroes. Thus, the way was prepared for the examination of miracles, which, at the supplication of the Venerable Servant of God, were reported to have been miraculously

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wrought, and which confirm and attest her sanctity.

Two miraculous healings were presented to this Sacred Congregation by those engaged in the Cause, which, as true miracles, are legally recognized by this Decree, and are approved for the purpose of obtaining the Beatification of the aforementioned Venerable. A brief exposition of these is as follows:

1. Sister Anne Desrosiers, who had always been of delicate health, and who, having taken the vows in the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity founded by the Venerable Servant of God, was now suffering from a condition that caused her to weaken day by day, in the month of May of the year 1900...

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The Sacred Congregation of Rites, number 329, was received into the infirmary. The physician declared that the Sister was infected with consumption and gave a most unfavorable prognosis regarding her life. As the illness worsened, the sick woman was administered the Sacraments of the Church. When no hope of recovery remained, on October 28th of the same year, she began to offer up more fervent prayers, that God, through the intercession of the Venerable Mary Margaret, might restore her to health. After two days, the infirm woman had reached the point of death, and she was already in the throes of expiring. But, at the very dawn of October 31st, she suddenly awoke, and proclaimed that she was completely healed. The physician, summoned, found all the symptoms of the disease to have vanished, and he testified to this. Our medical college fully and unanimously confirms the judgment of the physician regarding the diagnosis, the unfavorable prognosis, and the healing, which exceeded the powers of nature.

2. The second miracle concerns the instantaneous and perfect healing of Sister Joan Mary Deblois, from the same Congregation, founded by the Venerable Servant of God. In the year 1908, at the age of twenty-five, she began to suffer from kidney disease and disturbances of the eyes. Although subjected to treatments, the illness in her eyes always progressed for the worse, until the year 1927, when, in January, she was almost completely blind; the physician gave an unfavorable prognosis, and therefore prescribed no further remedies. At that time, novena prayers were begun by the entire religious community, imploring the protection of the Venerable. God, the merciful one, heard the fervent prayers; for on the morning of February 8th of the same year, 1927, Sister Joan Deblois suddenly and perfectly experienced that she was healed, and that she could see perfectly, and together with her companions and the physicians, she proclaimed the miracle. The medical college of this Sacred Congregation, with unanimous agreement, declared that the healing was instantaneous, complete, permanent, and supernatural. In the diocese of Ottawa-Cornwall, in the year 1928, a process

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was instituted regarding the first healing, and in the diocese of Montreal, in the year 1947, regarding the second healing; the legal validity of which was declared on March 11th, 1955, by a Decree. Two sessions of the medical commission were held on April 10th, 1957, and January 15th, 1958, in which both healings were carefully and thoroughly examined. Subsequently, the preparatory Congregation, with a favorable outcome, was held in the Vatican on May 27th, 1958, which the General Congregation followed before the Most Holy Lord, our Pope John XXIII, on February 10th, 1959, in which the undersigned Cardinal, Prefect of the Cause, raised the following question for discussion: Whether and concerning which miracles the case in question consists, and to what effect. Reverend Cardinals, Officials, Prelates, and Fathers Consultors unanimously gave an affirmative vote. His Holiness, having heard the opinion of all, in this matter of such great importance, did not immediately...

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The Acts of the Apostolic See – Official Commentary, page 330, deemed it fitting to declare its intention, and meanwhile, earnestly exhorted all to implore, with fervent prayers, the assistance of heavenly clarity in this most serious judgment. On the 11th day of the month of March, in the year 1959, after the Holy Sacrifice of the Eucharist had been celebrated, while seated on the Pontifical throne, he ordered the undersigned Cardinal, together with the Reverend Father Silvio Romani, the General Promoter of the Holy Office, and myself, the Pro-Secretary, to approach him, and solemnly declared: "It is established that the instantaneous and complete healing has occurred in the case of Sister Anne Desrosiers from a grave bilateral pulmonary tuberculosis, and also in the case of Sister Joan Mary Deblois from albuminuric neurochorioretinitis." He ordered that this decree be made public and recorded in the acts of the Congregation of Holy Rites. Given in Rome, on the 11th day of the month of March, in the year of Our Lord 1959. C. Card. CICOGNANI, Prefect. © S. Henry Dante, Pro-Secretary.

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SACRA CONGREGAZIONE DEI RITI

Martedì 13 gennaio 1959, nel Palazzo Apostolico Vaticano si è adunata la Sacra Congregazione dei Riti Ordinaria, nella quale gli Eminentissimi e Reverendissimi Signori Cardinali e i Reverendissimi Prelati Officiali hanno discusso sull'introduzione della Causa della Serva di Dio Anna Maria Sala,

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Suora della Congregazione delle Marcelline.

Gli stessi Eminentissimi Cardinali e Reverendissimi Prelati Officiali hanno inoltre preso in esame la relazione dei censori teologi sugli scritti della Serva di Dio Camilla Rolon di S. Giuseppe, fondatrice delle Suore Povere di S. Giuseppe di Buenos Aires.

Martedì 27 gennaio 1959, nel Palazzo Apostolico Vaticano si è adunata la S. Congregazione dei Riti Ordinaria, nella quale gli Eminentissimi e Reverendissimi Signori Cardinali e i Reverendissimi Prelati Officiali hanno discusso:

1. Sulla introduzione della Causa del Servo di Dio Salvatore Lilli, sacerdote professo dell'Ordine dei Frati Minori, ucciso in odio alla Fede;

2. Sulla riassunzione della Causa della Beata Maria Della Provvidenza, vergine, fondatrice dell'Istituto delle Suore Ausiliatrici delle Anime purganti.

Gli stessi Eminentissimi Cardinali e Reverendissimi Prelati Officiali hanno inoltre esaminata la relazione dei censori teologi sugli scritti dei Servi di Dio Edoardo Poppe, sacerdote secolare, e Giuseppe Tapies Sirvant, sacerdote secolare, ucciso in odio alla Fede.

Martedì 10 febbraio 1959, nel Palazzo Apostolico Vaticano, alla augusta presenza del Santo Padre, si è adunata la S. Congregazione dei Riti Generale, nella quale gli Eminentissimi e Reverendissimi Signori Cardinali, i Reverendissimi Prelati Officiali ed i Reverendissimi Consultori teologi hanno dato il loro voto sui miracoli che si asseriscono operati ad intercessione delle Venerabili Serve di Dio:

1. Margherita Dufrost de Lajemmerais, vedova D'Youville, fondatrice delle Suore della Carità di Montréal;

2. Elena Guerra, fondatrice delle Oblate dello Spirito Santo, dette Suore di S. Zita.

Martedì 21 febbraio 1959, nel Palazzo Apostolico Vaticano si è adunata la S. Congregazione dei Riti Preparatoria, nella quale gli Eminentissimi e Reverendissimi Signori Cardinali, i Reverendissimi Prelati Officiali ed i Reverendissimi Consultori teologi hanno discusso sulla eroicità delle virtù del Venerabile Servo di Dio Lodovico da Corbetta.

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332 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale. Casoria, a priest of the Order of Friars Minor, founder of the Congregation of the Brothers of Charity, known as the "Big Brothers." Furthermore, the Most Eminent Cardinals and Reverend Prelates Officials also examined the report of the theological revisers concerning the writings of the Servants of God: 1. John Baptist Berthier, a priest, founder of the Missionaries of the Holy Family. 2. Andrew Van Den Boer, of the Congregation of the Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy. 3. Annunziata Cocchetti, foundress of the

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Sisters of Saint Dorothy of Cenno. 4. Giulia Salzano, foundress of the Sisters Teachers of Christian Doctrine. On Tuesday, March 10, 1959, in the Palace of Congregations at San Callisto, in the presence of His Eminence, the Most Reverend Cardinal Benedetto Aloisi Masella, Bishop of Palestrina, Promoter or Relator of the Cause of the Servant of God, Andrew Beltrami, a Salesian priest, the Holy Congregation of Rites, Antepreparatory, was convened, in which the Reverend Prelates Officials and the Reverend Theological Consultants discussed the heroic virtues of the aforementioned Servant of God. On Tuesday, April 7, 1959, in the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican, the Holy Congregation of Rites, Preparatory, was convened, in which the Most Eminent and Reverend Lords Cardinals, the Reverend Prelates Officials, and the Reverend Theological Consultants discussed two miracles, which are asserted to have been wrought through the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God, Innocent of Berzio, a priest of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin. Furthermore, the same Most Eminent and Reverend Lords Cardinals and Reverend Prelates Officials, in Ordinary Congregation, examined the reports of the theological revisers concerning the writings of the Servants of God, Henry de Osso y Cervello, a priest, founder of the Sisters of the Society of Saint Teresa, and Virginia Centurione Bracelli, a widow, foundress of the Sisters of Our Lady of Refuge at Mount Calvary. On Tuesday, April 28, 1959, in the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican, the Holy Congregation of Rites, Preparatory, was convened, in which the Most Eminent and Reverend Lords Cardinals, the Reverend Prelates Officials, and the Reverend Theological Consultants discussed the heroic virtues of the Servant of God, Louis Guanella, a priest, founder of the Congregation of the Servants of Charity (Opera Don Guanella). Furthermore, the same Most Eminent Lords Cardinals and Reverend Prelates Officials, in Ordinary Congregation, examined the reports of the theological revisers concerning the writings of the Servants of God, Anthony Vincent Gallo, a secular priest, and Mary Bernard Butler, foundress of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians.

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From the Roman Curial Diary, 333. SECRETARY OF STATE. By Apostolic Brief, the Most Holy Father John XXIII, reigning happily, has deigned to appoint:

November 28, 1958. His Eminence and Reverend Lord Cardinal Wyszynski, Protector of the Handmaids of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Warsaw).

February 9, 1959. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe Beltrami, titular Archbishop of Damascus, Apostolic Nuncio to the Netherlands.

March *i*. His Eminence and Reverend Lord Cardinal Domenico Tardini, Protector of the Benedictine Congregation of Monte Oliveto (Siena).

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March *i*. His Eminence and Reverend Lord Cardinal Benedetto Aloisi Masella, Protector of the Missionary Sisters of Saint Peter Claver (Rome).

March 9. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Sebastiano Baggio, titular Archbishop of Ephesus, Apostolic Delegate to Canada.

March *v*. His Eminence and Reverend Lord Cardinal Giuseppe Fietta, Protector of the Religious Adorers of the Most Holy Sacrament (Buenos Aires).

March *v*. His Eminence and Reverend Lord Cardinal Gaetano Cicognani, Protector of the Religious "Hermanas Franciscanas de la Natividad de Nuestra Señora" (Barcelona).

March *v*. His Eminence and Reverend Lord Cardinal Andrea Jullien, Protector of the "(Sœurs Servantes de Marie N. D. du Refuge" (Anglet, diocese of Bayonne).

March 20. His Eminence and Reverend Lord Cardinal Gaetano Cicognani, Protector of the Religious of the Assumption (Rome).

March 20. His Eminence and Reverend Lord Cardinal José M. Bueno y Monreal, Protector of the Religious "Hijas de Maria Santísima de los Dolores y de San Felipe Neri" (Seville).

March 25. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Opilio Rossi, titular Archbishop of Ancyra, Apostolic Nuncio to Chile.

April 1. His Eminence and Reverend Lord Cardinal Gaetano Cicognani, Protector of the Religious "Oblatas del Santísimo Redentor" (Ciempozuelos, Madrid).

April 1. His Eminence and Reverend Lord Cardinal Giovanni Battista Montini, Protector of the Sisters of Mary Most Holy Consoler (Milan).

April 1. His Eminence and Reverend Lord Cardinal Paolo Giobbe, Protector of the Order of the Recollects of Saint Augustine (Rome).

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Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 334, April 11, 1959. The Most Eminent and Reverend Cardinal Cento Fernando, Protector of the Sisters of Saint Joseph (Turin). The Illustrious and Reverend Monsignor Strojny Mariano, Referendary Prelate of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signature.

HONORS:

By means of letters from the Secretariat of State, the Holy Father John XXIII, happily reigning, has deigned to bestow:

The Knighthood of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, civil class:

December 12, 1958.

To Mr. Cesare Aiello, of the Archdiocese of Washington.

To Mr. Filippo J. Bean, of the same Archdiocese.

To Mr. Thomas P. Brown, of the same Archdiocese.

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To Mr. Michele F. Calnan, of the same Archdiocese.
To Mr. Eugene Clark, of the same Archdiocese.
To Mr. Thomas F. Collins, of the same Archdiocese.
To Mr. George E. Hamilton, of the same Archdiocese.
To Mr. Henry J. Kirk, of the same Archdiocese.
To Mr. Charles Maloney, of the same Archdiocese.
To Mr. John A. Reilly, of the same Archdiocese.
To Mr. Andrea Saul, of the same Archdiocese.
To Mr. Leo Stock, of the same Archdiocese.
To Mr. Amato Battista Le Blanc, of the Archdiocese of Bordeaux.
To Mr. George Marsacq, of the same Archdiocese.
To Mr. Renato M. Agez, of the Diocese of Tarbes and Lourdes.
To Mr. John Chaudesaigues, of the same Diocese.
To Mr. Andrea Le Donné, of the same Diocese.
To Mr. Peter Pinsard, of the same Diocese.
To Mr. William Richter, of the Diocese of Berlin.
To Mr. William Dorr, of the same Diocese.
To Mr. Peter Krein, of the same Diocese.
To Mr. Robert Lossow, of the same Diocese.
To Mr. Peter Metz, of the same Diocese.
To Mr. John B. Lewicki, of the same Diocese.
To Mr. John Boeker, of the same Diocese.
To Mr. Francis Loosen, of the same Diocese.
To Mr. Louis Wand, of the same Diocese.
To Mr. Francis Varalli, of the Archdiocese of Vercelli.
To Mr. Ernest Varalli, of the Archdiocese of Milan.
To Mr. Gaspare Pagani, of the same Archdiocese.
To Mr. Peter Bosé, of the same Archdiocese.
To Mr. Philip L'Heureux, of the Diocese of Saint Hyacinthe.
To Mr. Joseph C. A. Turcotte, of the same Diocese.
To Mr. Louis Alimonti (Rome).
To Mr. Abdullahad Farage Mansourati, of the Patriarchate of Antioch of the Syrians.

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Diarium Romanae Curiae 335: The Order of Saint Sylvester, Pope: Award of the Cross with Plaque: November 21, 1958. To Mr. Borhan Kazém (Iran). To Mr. Chahidzadeh Hossein (Iran). Award of the Cross: February 20, 1959. To Mr. Guglielmo Cappelletti, of the diocese of Vicenza. To Mr. Pietro Sergiacomi (Rome). March 13. To Mr. Felice Marchioni (Rome).

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Award of the Cross: January 1959. To Mr. Sirousse Farzaneh (Iran). To Mr. Mohammad Ali Issari (Iran). To Mr. Ali Khadem (Iran). To Mr. Abbas Shahander (Iran). February 4. To Mr. Massimiliano Janischwski, of the diocese of Berlin. February 9. To Mr. Federico Guglielmo Schaper, of the same diocese. February 16. To Mr. Giuseppe Martinelli, of the Archdiocese of Milan. To Mr. Antonio Fanchini, of the diocese of Novara. To Mr. Giovanni Germanino, of the same diocese. To Mr. Carlo Sonzogno, of the same diocese. To Mr. Giacinto Lacerenza, of the diocese of Castellaneta. To Mr. Bruno Bonafede, of the Archdiocese of Milan. To Mr. Pietro Denteila, of the same archdiocese. To Mr. Corrado Garofoli (Rome). To Mr. Pietro Vignoli, of the diocese of Alessandria. To Mr. Giovanni Giuseppe Marzullo, of the Archdiocese of Capua. To Mr. Gino Sanvido, of the diocese of Padua. To Mr. Giuseppe Curmaci, of the Archdiocese of Reggio Calabria. To Mr. Giuseppe Grillone, of the same archdiocese. To Mr. Giovanni Battista Preda (Rome). To Mr. Ernesto Redaelli, of the Archdiocese of Milan. To Mr. Angelo Gabriele Guida (Rome). To Mr. Mario Rubino (Rome). To Mr. Luigi Grassi, of the diocese of Urbania. To Mr. Sante Meloni (Rome). To Mr. Massimo Locatelo, of the Patriarchate of Venice. To Mr. Natale Onori (Rome). Knighthood of the Order of Saint Sylvester, Pope: December 17, 1958. To Mr. Antonio Carozza, of the Archdiocese of Washington. To Mr. Giacomo A. Cassidy, of the same archdiocese. To Mr. Edoardo Costigan, of the same archdiocese.

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336 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale, December 17, 1958. To the Reverend Mr. De Ferrari Roy J., of the same archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Johnson George, of the same archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Kane Francis, of the same archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Kerekes Tiberius, of the same archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Longmore J. Abele, of the same archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. McArdle Walter, of the same archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. McGarraghy Alfred A., of the same archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Sholl Evan, of the same archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Thuee Frederick, of the same archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Genting Joseph T., of the same archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Oolliflower James E., of the same archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. O'Donoghue W. Daniel, of the same archdiocese.

January 3, 1959. To the Reverend Mr. Momeni Bahrame (Iran).

To the Reverend Mr. Vali Amir Mohamad (Iran).

To the Reverend Mr. Jansen Arthur, of the diocese of Berlin.

To the Reverend Mr. Ordyniak Joseph, of the same diocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Janischewski George, of the same diocese.

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To the Reverend Mr. Honke Berthold, of the same diocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Zahn Peter, of the same diocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Hubrich Theodore, of the same diocese.

January 16. To the Reverend Mr. Della Rossa Emilio, of the diocese of Novara.

To the Reverend Mr. Malacrida Louis, of the same diocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Miranda Joseph, of the same diocese.

February 3. To the Reverend Mr. Marin Raphael, of the Archdiocese of Genoa.

To the Reverend Mr. Parodi Henry, of the same archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Oiardulli Francis (Rome).

To the Reverend Mr. Della Maggiore John, of the diocese of San Miniato.

To the Reverend Mr. Guidi Thomas, of the same diocese.

January 5. To the Reverend Mr. Bertoncelli Mario, of the diocese of Novara.

To the Reverend Mr. Bombelli Angelo, of the same diocese.

January 13. To the Reverend Mr. Achilli Joseph, of the diocese of Lodi.

January 20. To the Reverend Mr. Ferrara Vincent, of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

January 27. To the Reverend Mr. Lupelli Hannibal (Rome).

To the Reverend Mr. Savino Vincent (Rome).

To the Reverend Mr. Greissa Kamel, of the diocese of Thebes.

To the Reverend Mr. Greissa Michael, of the same diocese.

March 13. To the Reverend Mr. Landolfi Lino (Rome).

To the Reverend Mr. Saletta Candidus, of the diocese of Casale Monferrato.

To the Reverend Mr. Pisani Joseph, of the diocese of Diano-Teggiano.

March 11. To the Reverend Mr. De Sanctis Crispino (Rome).

To the Reverend Mr. Pesci Alexander (Rome).

[*Latin ed. p. 337*]

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ACTA APOSOLICAE SEDIS. OFFICIAL COMMENTARY.

ACTS OF POPE JOHN XXIII.

APOSTOLIC LETTERS.

I. TO THE VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD, HELEN GUERRA, OF

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THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BLESSED, COMMONLY CALLED VIRGIN, MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE OF THE OBLATES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, SISTERS OF SAINT ZITA.

JOHN PP. XXIII.

For the perpetual memory of the matter.

"He renovates the face of the earth," the Holy Spirit, "whom God has poured out abundantly upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior," must be better known and more earnestly prayed for in these times, in which the charity of the people has grown cold, and, averse to eternal things, they seek rather the advantages and safeguards of this age. To accomplish this, God has chosen the virgin Helen Guerra, of the Oblates of the Holy Spirit, commonly called the Sisters of Saint Zita, their founder and mistress, whom we rejoice to solemnly enroll today in the ranks of the Blessed in Heaven.

The city of Lucca, in Etruria, which in recent times has become almost a breeding ground for illustrious saints, glories in having produced this most excellent daughter of the Church. She, the daughter of Anthony Guerra and Faustina Franceschi, was born on the twenty-third day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and one.

[*Latin ed. p. 338*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 338. In the parish of "Santa Zita," of notable beauty in that city, they presented her, having instilled in her from her earliest years the example of piety. She possessed a certain austere sweetness, and, being a wife, she avoided corrupting influences, and, although she could not publicly dedicate herself to teaching, she employed a most excellent method, instructing in her own home a third of the poor children. With ardent zeal and great joy, she received the Sacrament of Confirmation, thereby enriched by the gifts of the Holy Spirit and strengthened by its divine power.

Saint Augustine: "What is more lovable, more delightful, and more holy than the Holy Spirit? It is the love of the Father and the Son, through whom all are made holy."

After a simple meal, she was refreshed. Although the custom of celebrating the Divine Liturgy had not yet been established, she nevertheless achieved that the Eucharistic banquet might be permitted in her home.

And so, with the grace of God, she devoted herself to the service of the poor, and, in order that she might more amply honor her vocation, she joined the Sodality of Saint Mary.

[*Latin ed. p. 339*]

Ego, qui semper desideravi animas vestras ad Deum adducere, et qui

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scio quam multum vos desideretis praecipere, non tacebo. Sed, ut non fallam, et ut verba mea fructum ferant, scribo haec, non ut dominus, sed ut servus, qui est paratus omnia facere pro animabus vestris.

"Quid est, fratres, quod vos desideratis? Quid est quod vos quaeritis? Nonne pacem et beatitudinem? Nonne vitam aeternam? Si ita est, tunc audi me, et facite quod dico.

Primum, diligite Deum supra omnia. Diligite eum non propter quod potest vobis dare, sed propter ipsum Deum. Diligite eum, quia est bonus, quia est justus, quia est misericors. Diligite eum, quia est Creator vestrus, et Redemptor vestrus.

Secundum, diligite proximum vestrum sicut vosmetipsos. Diligite eum, quia est filius Dei, et quia est membrum Christi. Diligite eum, quia est in necessitate, et quia est vultus Dei.

Tertium, facite bonum, et fugite malum. Facite bonum, quia est voluntas Dei. Fugite malum, quia est contra voluntatem Dei. Facite bonum, quia est via ad beatitudinem. Fugite malum, quia est via ad perditionem.

Quarta, orate Deo quotidie. Orate, ut sitis illuminati, ut sitis fortiores, ut sitis amantiores. Orate, ut sitis conservati a malo, et ut sitis ducti ad bonum.

Quinta, legite Scripturas Sanctas. Legite, ut cognoscatis voluntatem Dei, et ut cognoscatis viam ad beatitudinem. Legite, ut sitis confirmati in fide, et ut sitis fortiores in virtute.

Si facitis haec, fratres, tunc non dubito, sed scio, quod eritis beati in hoc mundo, et in mundo futuro. Amen.

Quod ad rem, spero quod haec verba vestra corda penetrant, et quod facitis quod dico. Et si non facitis, tunc scio, quod non eritis beati. Sed spero, quod non erit ita. Spero, quod eritis beati, et quod eritis cum me in regno caeli. Amen.

"Quid ergo dico? Quod facitis, facite ex corde, et non ex timore. Facite, quia amatis Deum, et quia amatis proximum vestrum. Facite, quia vultis esse beati, et quia vultis esse cum me in regno caeli. Amen."

[*Latin ed. p. 340*]

340 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale. This illustrious sodality, established in the field of the apostolate, fostered admirable deeds, and it labored with great zeal, either in its founding or in its expansion, for the propagation of the Kingdom of God. For, through numerous published writings, it spread piety among the people; indeed, through small books of a clear and persuasive nature, which it composed, it sought to call young boys and girls, and all the faithful, to constantly follow Christian virtues and a defined form of piety. It also established certain sodalities, to which those associated would strive to live a more holy life and to join together in prayers to God. Being a daughter of the Church, she was deeply concerned for its needs, and spared no effort to ward off evils

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that threatened it, to promote those things that would benefit its progress, and she earnestly sought divine help for this purpose, willingly enduring the sufferings involved. Furthermore, she worked diligently to spread the Gospel as widely as possible in regions darkened by superstition; for this reason, she sought every kind of support to provide assistance to those proclaiming the divine word; and, in her will, she ordered that the money intended for her funeral expenses be given to the work of propagating the faith. This was paramount in the life of the Handmaid of God, and this singular mission entrusted to her was to promote the worship of the Holy Spirit; for she was certain that immense treasures of heavenly gifts could be poured forth upon the Church, and that the miracles performed in the Cenacle in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost could be repeated, if the faithful embraced this form of piety with fervor of spirit. Therefore, devoted to proclaiming the Holy Spirit, she tirelessly engaged in works to that end, and she earnestly besought this divine Spirit, which is the source and origin of sanctity, through unceasing prayers. Inspired by her, Leo XIII, Our Predecessor of blessed memory, in the year 1895, wrote Apostolic Letters, sealed with the Fisherman's ring, in which he recommended special prayers for the feast of Pentecost to all Catholics, and two years later, he published those illustrious Encyclicals, beginning with the words "That Divine Office," in order to turn the minds and hearts of the faithful to the Divine Spirit, so that they might know and cherish it more diligently. Through all these glorious labors, Helena, "shining" in virtues—for the name "Helena" signifies "shining"—, through the providence of God, accomplished great things.

[*Latin ed. p. 341*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, page 341, state that she was compelled to withdraw from active life, so that she might offer herself as a sacrifice, enriching her soul with the most exquisite virtues. Calumnies were fabricated against her, so that, as if she were not fit for the office of a priestess, she might be removed from her position and, as it were, relegated to the shadows. With a balanced and humble spirit, and detached from worldly things, she prepared herself to be united with the Bridegroom of heaven. Finally, on the eleventh day of the month of April, in the year nineteen hundred and forty-four, on the eve of Easter, consumed by illness, after having uttered the words "I believe," this humble, pious, and courageous virgin laid down this mortal life, to rise again to eternal life, overflowing with ineffable joys. Her deceased body was buried in the public cemetery of Lugo, and in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, it was transferred to the house of the aforementioned religious society, founded by the same Handmaid of God. God, seeing her growing fame, seemed to confirm it with heavenly signs. Therefore, a process was begun to grant her the honors of the Blessed in Heaven. And, after the ordinary proceedings, as they are

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called, a Commission for the introduction of the Cause, to be established with the Sacred Congregation of Rites, was signed by Pope Pius XI, of blessed memory, our predecessor, on the fifth day of the month of May, in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-six. Afterwards, after Apostolic investigations were completed, the theological and cardinal virtues of the Venerable Helen Guerra were discussed; and, after all expenses and considerations, Pope Pius XII, also our predecessor, decreed that the Handmaid of God should be venerated as a heroine, on the twenty-sixth day of the month of June, in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-three. Afterwards, the question of miracles, which were attributed to her by those who invoked her, was examined, and everything was carefully investigated in the aforementioned assemblies. On the eleventh day of this month, we declared that two were established. However, one thing remained to be determined: whether the Handmaid of God would safely be included among the Blessed in Heaven; this doubt was proposed to our Venerable Brother Clement, Cardinal Micara, of the Holy Roman Church, Bishop of Velletri, the Promoter or Relator of this Cause. All the Fathers entrusted with the Sacred Rites and the Consultor Fathers affirmed that this could be done with all their votes. Therefore, after offering prayers to God, so that He might guide us in forming such a judgment,

[*Latin ed. p. 342*]

Acts of the Holy Apostles! Sacred Congregations and Official Documents concerning the veneration of relics, publicly proclaimed. These things, which are presented for the veneration of the Christian faithful, and which, even if they are not relics in the strict sense, are adorned with images and depictions, are to be venerated. Besides these proper relics (namely, the bodies of Saints, or parts of their bodies), the Holy See declares that all things which belonged to the Saints, or which touched them, are to be venerated by all the faithful, in churches and in other places. However, these things must be approved by the Secretary of the Sacred Rites, so that they may be properly venerated.

[*Latin ed. p. 343*]

It is impossible to provide a translation of the provided text because it is not written in Latin, nor in any recognizable language. It appears to be a string of random characters. Therefore, I cannot fulfill your request to translate it into English, adhering to the specified ecclesiastical and moral-theology register of St. Alphonsus Liguori.

[*Latin ed. p. 344*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See – Commentary 344 – officially granted her the power to follow the banners of Christ. Therefore, she, having been called, offered help to her mother, that is, to raise her sons, her brothers and sisters. Having been joined in a second marriage, the widow patiently

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endured the husband's debts, already demonstrating with what strength she would overcome arduous and difficult things. At the age of twenty-nine, Margaret was married to Francis, a man of humble station, but whom fortune had favored; in this marriage, she was blessed with many children, but was also afflicted by long and grievous sufferings. Her husband, with a light and careless spirit, squandered his possessions and committed other wicked deeds, causing great pain to his most virtuous wife. After the death of her husband, Margaret, with two children, who were the only survivors of the six she had borne, was plunged into great distress and reduced to extreme poverty. However, trusting in the heavenly Father, she did not despair, and diligently sought to follow what the Apostle says: "But she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, let her trust in God and continue in supplications and prayers night and day." Leading a secluded life, she engaged in a modest trade, in order to provide for herself and her children, and also to support the poverty of others. For she possessed a great deal of humanity and compassion, and was especially known for her charity towards those in distress. Who, from a young age, had been studious and diligent in religion, now began to practice piety more intensely, and surrendered herself entirely to God, from whom she received "For you have not received the spirit of bondage again in fear: but you have received the spirit of adoption of sons, whereby we cry: Abba (Father)." Therefore, she turned all her thoughts and all her studies towards this most sweet Father in heaven, and towards her sons, who were poor and afflicted on earth. Although she was surrounded by difficulties, she was made exceedingly rich, for she had two beautiful ornaments of a Christian mother, namely, children, who, called by God, accepted the duties of the priesthood. Therefore, she devoted all her youthful energies – for she had lost her husband when she was thirty-one years old – to the care of her family, to the poor, to the sick, and to others of unfortunate circumstances. At the urging of the teacher of piety, she received several needy people into her home, in order to relieve their bodily needs, and to nourish their souls with the food of religion. The first to enter her home was a blind woman, whom God had struck with love, and whom she cared for with all her might, and with every possible kindness.

[*Latin ed. p. 345*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, page 345, record how she provided assistance in various matters. To better fulfill this pious office, she gathered several young women, zealous in their desire to help the poor, and from this small group, a distinguished society grew, which later became known as the Sisters of Charity. The common people, overwhelmed by their kindness, jokingly called them "the grays," that is, the drunken ones, just as the Apostles, endowed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, were said to be "filled with wine." The Servant of God, having lived with her compan-

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ions in several houses, undertook the administration of the Marianopolitan hospital, whose affairs were in a desperate state at that time. After overcoming considerable difficulties, with her strength of mind and patience, she reorganized and established it admirably. With the approval of the Bishop of Quebec, she received the religious habit in the year 1755, along with a small group, and thus, a new community of holy virgins was added to the Church in Canada. The hospital was open to all who were in need, whether they were poor, sick, or suffering from other adversities, without any distinction of age, nation, sex, or religion, for the Servant of God refused to limit charity to any boundaries. At that time, the region was ravaged by war, and the sounds of weapons echoed. The Servant of God, doubling her pious efforts, welcomed wounded soldiers, offering them every possible comfort; she provided refuge for those fleeing from the enemy; she provided assistance to people suffering from famine and poverty, sometimes in a truly extraordinary manner; and she provided the most tender care as a mother to abandoned children, whose numbers had greatly increased. Thus, pouring forth the riches of her heavenly love in all directions, she deserved to be called "the mother of universal charity." She prudently governed the religious community, of which she was the founder and mistress, increasing its growth, strengthening its discipline, and fostering virtue. This society subsequently spread not only throughout the territories of Canada, but also to other regions. Closely united with God, and inflamed with a love for the Cross of the Lord, this truly courageous woman endured all kinds of calamities. Sickness, war, false accusations, persecution, and other misfortunes did not break her spirit, which was devoted only to God; and she progressed to the point that, when the Marianopolitan hospital was destroyed, [reference to Acts of the Apostles, 2:18].

[*Latin ed. p. 346*]

3,4fr The Apostolic See, mindful of the needs of the clergy, has issued an official decree concerning the proper conduct of religious exercises, so that they may be performed with greater devotion and fruitfulness. In the seventh section, it is stated that, in order to avoid distractions and to promote a more fervent spirit, all unnecessary conversations should be avoided during the time of prayer. Furthermore, it is commanded that all those who are present at prayer should remain silent, except for those who are leading the prayers or reading the Scriptures. This is because, as the Apostle says, "God is not a God of disorder, but of peace" (1 Corinthians 14:33). Therefore, it is necessary to maintain order and silence during the time of prayer, so that all may be able to concentrate on the things of God. The Sacred Council also teaches that silence is a very important part of prayer, and that it should be practiced by all Christians. Indeed, silence is so important that it is said to be the "soul of prayer." Therefore, let us all strive to practice silence during the time of prayer, so that we may be able to draw closer to God and to

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receive His blessings. Let us remember the words of the wise man: "The voice of silence is better than the voice of many words" (Ecclesiastes 5:3). Let us therefore be silent, and let us listen to the voice of God. And let us pray that He may grant us the grace to practice silence in our lives, so that we may be able to grow in holiness and to become more pleasing to Him. Amen.

[*Latin ed. p. 347*]

Therefore, having recourse to God through prayers, and having diligently considered all things, We have decreed as follows.

Wherefore, fulfilling the desires of the Congregation of Sisters, and with the consent of Our suffragans, We, by Our Apostolic authority, grant that the aforementioned venerable handmaid of God, Mary Margaret Dufrost de Lajemmerais, widow of Youville, may henceforth be called by the Blessed name, and that her remains, although not to be carried in solemn processions, may be publicly venerated in the churches and chapels of the Community of Non-Virgins, which We have approved, and that the Mass of this Community, together with the proper prayers, may also be celebrated according to the rubrics of the Roman Breviary.

Furthermore, We declare that, in the churches and chapels where the aforementioned remains are to be venerated, canonical Masses may be celebrated, and that the usual offices and prayers may be recited, according to the prescriptions of the Church.

Moreover, We grant to the aforementioned widow, and to her successors, the right to establish, in the places where her remains are venerated, altars, chapels, and other ornaments, as well as to adorn them with candles and other suitable decorations, according to the customs of the place.

This grant is made, notwithstanding any constitutions or decrees of the Holy See to the contrary.

Given at Rome, this [date].

[*Latin ed. p. 348*]

348 Acta Apostolicae Sedis – The Official Commentary, even those printed, provided that they are signed by the hand of the Secretary of the Congregation for Sacred Rites and are sealed with the seal of that same Congregation, shall, even in judicial disputes, be given the same credence as would be accorded to the signification of Our will, as set forth in these presented documents. Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's Ring, on the third day of May, in the feast of the Finding of the Holy Cross, in the year 1958, in the first year of Our Pontificate. DOMINICUS Cardinal TARDINI, concerning public affairs of the Church.

LETTER TO THE MOST REVEREND AND ILLUSTRIOUS FATHER, JOHN, TITULAR BISHOP OF SANCTA PRISCAE, SECRETARY OF STATE, CARDINAL OF THE ORDER OF URBANI, PATRIARCH OF

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VENICE, WHO IS APPOINTED AS LEGATE TO CELEBRATE THE SOLEMNITIES IN HONOR OF SAINT PIUS X, WITH HIS HOLY REMAINS BROUGHT TO THAT CITY.

JOHN PP. XXIII

To Our Beloved Son, greetings and the Apostolic Blessing.

Since it is the first complete century after Our Predecessor, of most venerable memory, Saint Pius X, received the grace of priestly ordination, it has seemed opportune to plan the transfer of the urn in which the sacred remains of that Pontiff are religiously preserved, from the Vatican Basilica to the Patriarchal Basilica of Saint Mark in Venice, and there, with the urn exposed for the veneration of the people, to celebrate magnificent solemnities. For the memory of that vigilant Shepherd always has been and always will be cherished by the peoples of Venice and Mantua, who, wherever He placed His footsteps, proved to be a faithful and generous dispenser of the mysteries of God.

We, who, whenever the image of Our most holy Predecessor comes to mind, are filled with an ineffable emotion, both here in this Patriarchal See and now in the Chair of the blessed Peter, gladly approve the proposed celebration, and moreover, we honor it with the highest praise, and We desire to be present in spirit, and to preside over the solemnity, in order to enhance it.

Therefore, Our Beloved Son, whom We ourselves recently wished to promote to the dignity of Patriarch of Venice, and to adorn with the brilliant purple of Rome, –

[*Latin ed. p. 349*]

Decrees, John PP. XXIII, 349. We choose and appoint Our Legate, so that, representing Our person, he may preside over the special ceremonies which will soon be held in Venice in honor of Saint Pius X, with Our authority. Furthermore, We grant you the faculty, that, on the appointed day, after the Sacred rite has been performed according to the pontifical manner, in the presence of the faithful, he may impart a blessing in Our name, offering to them a plenary indulgence, obtainable under the usual conditions of the Church. Finally, the Apostolic Blessing, which is the conciliator and herald of heavenly graces, and a special witness of Our charity, We impart to you, beloved son, and to the entire clergy and people entrusted to your care, especially to the Chapter of Canons and the Seminary of Clerics, in the Lord, most earnestly. Given at Rome, near Saint Peter, on the twenty-ninth day of the month of March, on the Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the year 1959, in the first year of Our pontificate. JOHN PP. XXIII. ADDRESSES. To those who attended the meeting in Rome, convened by the "Zelatrici delle Pontificie Opere Missionarie in Italia" (Zealous Women

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of the Pontifical Missionary Works in Italy). * The visit we are receiving today from such a large representation of the zealous missionary women of Italy fills Our heart with emotion and hope. First of all, beloved daughters, with emotion, because your presence revives in Us a multitude of distant, but living and sweet, memories, that is, it recalls to Us that period, so rich in graces, in which We were called to assume the office of first President of the Work of the Propagation of the Faith in Italy, and for which We have good reason to exclaim with gratitude: "What shall I render to the Lord, for all the things that he hath rendered to me?" 1 At the same time, We welcome you with a heart full of hope. Your visit and the National Congress that you held here in Rome are for Us proof of the vitality of your apostolate, and the...

* Held on April 26th of the year 1959.

1 Ps. 115, 3.

[*Latin ed. p. 350*]

To the Most Reverend Fathers, Prelates, and all those devoted to the Apostolic Ministry. How often, beloved daughters, have I wished to express to you the profound gratitude I feel! How often have I desired to present to you the immense benefits which you bestow upon the Church and upon my own humble person! But I know that you, with your great charity, understand the reasons which have prevented me from doing so more fully in these recent times. It is not necessary to remind you that, perhaps as much as today, the collaboration with the missionaries has become so urgent and so necessary. Just consider how much the face of the missionary world has changed in these recent decades. How many difficulties and problems, even in those places where the missions have experienced significant growth for years! In how many places are tragic and decisive hours being lived! And even where the campaigns are already flourishing, the suffering caused by the lack of workers and the daily bread of the Apostle of Christ are often present. Let this thought always be present in your spirit, so that the spirit of the missionary work may not be exhausted in a simple offering of means and assistance, but may rather be a true expression of Christian charity, as the Apostle says: "Ama proximum tuo" (Love thy neighbor). Romans 13:9.

[*Latin ed. p. 351*]

Supernatural influences on the matter pertaining to the missions are neither the principal nor the sole motive. Rather, the very essence of the missionary spirit is a profound difference, a distinction from the ordinary life. It is a call to leave all, to endure hardships, to embrace suffering, if it be possible, for the sake of spreading the faith. This is not merely a matter of fulfilling obligations, but of offering oneself entirely to God's service.

Therefore, my beloved daughters, if your work, fueled by faith in the

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mission land, is so precious for the preservation of Christian life in your own dioceses and parishes, how much more so is it for the conversion of souls? Sadly, the concern for the religious future of our countries has, in many, somewhat dampened the zeal for conversion, even among those who are sent as missionaries to Catholic lands. They fail to realize that the missionary ideal, far from being foreign, is, in fact, the most effective school for educating souls in that sincere love for the Church and that truly Catholic spirit which must shine forth in a worthy apostle.

Between the missionary world and the Christian world that must be defended, there is no incompatibility or antagonism; rather, they are two aspects that complement and strengthen each other. Indeed, to offer prayers, sacrifices, and means to bring the light and love of Christ to those who do not yet know Him is to give new life to dioceses of ancient Christian tradition and to save, perhaps, many parishes that languish in mediocrity. In this sense, Our Predecessor, Pope Pius XI, declared that "the parish that neglects the missionary aspect neglects the most Catholic of Catholic works, the most apostolic of apostolic endeavors."

Beloved daughters, persevere in your work, without rest, "with willing minds and hearts." In this way, you too will be granted that ineffable joy that floods the heart of the priest or the religious who, at the end of arduous days, fall exhausted but rejoicing, because they have given souls a little more of love and have brought greater glory to God. Moreover, after having sacrificed everything for the salvation of others, you will finally realize that you have received far more than you have given.

[*Latin ed. p. 352*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 352. Indeed, the balm of charity is like that Eastern unguent, celebrated in Holy Scripture, whose fragrance permeates the hands and the entire person of he who touches it. For this reason, Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." 3 Beloved daughters! With these sentiments, we gladly offer our auspicious wishes for the new period of work that lies before you; and with serene confidence that all your activities will continue to flourish, we pray to God that He may keep your spirit steadfast and zealous, granting to each of you a profound awareness of this sublime mission. With such sentiments, and as a prelude and pledge of more abundant graces, We impart to you, to your families, to your leaders, and to all the works for which you pray, work, and suffer, Our paternal Apostolic Blessing. To the faithful of Lugo, who came to Rome to attend the Beatification of the Venerable Handmaid of God, Helen Guerra. * Beloved sons and daughters of Lucca, we greet you with paternal joy on the occasion of what can truly be called your feast day, having We raised your fellow citizen, the Blessed Helen Guerra, teacher of St. Gemma Galgani, who also belongs to you in a very special way, to the honors of the altar. Considering the life of the Blessed Helen, it

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is fitting to repeat: "God is wonderful in his saints." It is truly wonderful, because in the life of this Blessed woman, one sees how different the ways of God are from our own, for He, in order to achieve His ends, "chooses the weak things of the world, that he may confound the mighty..." But it is especially wonderful, because in that harmonious blending of human and supernatural gifts in her person, in that succession of events, now simple, now grand, one perceives how everything converges towards the fulfillment of that mission which God entrusted to her, namely, to be, in our times, the apostle of devotion to the Holy Spirit. This apostolate was not confined within the walls of her city or... * Acts 20:35. * On April 27th of the year 1959. 1 Corinthians 1:27.

[*Latin ed. p. 353*]

In the Acts of Pope John XXIII, 353, within the framework of the Congregation which she founded, but which resonated throughout the Church. Just as Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque was the humble instrument through which God propagated devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, so too can it be said of Blessed Helen Guerra with regard to devotion to the Holy Spirit, for which she united her voice with that of so many other souls who had preceded her in this endeavor, and of whom, in God's designs, she was to bring the initiative to completion. Just as Mary Magdalene was the apostle of the Resurrection of the Lord among the Prince of the Apostles, so too did she, from her native Lucca, write piously to Our Predecessor, Leo XIII, to expound her plans to him. That great shepherd paid attention to her supplications, and his eagle-like gaze perceived in them almost a sign of the times. The marvelous Encyclical "Divinum illud" seemed to seal the humble requests of this religious soul as well. If, from that time onward, the Church celebrates with greater solemnity the novena of Pentecost, if new horizons of holiness and apostolate opened up for so many souls docile to the call of the Pope, one can think with gratitude of her, through whom Providence acted to influence the gesture of Our Predecessor, whereby, as a tremor of new life, the entire Church was permeated. In her apostolate of devotion to the Holy Spirit and in her life, Sister Helen Guerra gives the most brilliant manifestation of those abundant fruits which the Spirit of the Lord pours forth into souls docile to His action. These are fruits of supernatural light and wisdom, by which she, amidst general admiration, discerns with such clarity the needs of the Church in modern times. They are fruits of fortitude, which make the newly Blessed the ideal type of the strong woman described by Holy Scripture, whom God so often raises up in His Church. Faced with the harsh demands of her mission, she does not recoil; difficulties and setbacks do not discourage her, and she does not yield until she succeeds in completing the task entrusted to her. But especially are they the fruits of charity that the Spirit of the Lord produces in her. Charity inflamed towards God and directed in love towards souls,

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whom she wishes to save at all costs. The word, the press, the education of youth, the founding of a religious Congregation, the Missions – all of this is the expression of her unquenchable thirst for souls. Characteristic is that cry which spontaneously springs from her heart: "It is not enough, it is not enough," whenever she engaged in any activity of good! Only missionary apostolate seemed most suited to her zeal, which wished to embrace the entire world. And for the Missions, she worked tirelessly.

[*Latin ed. p. 354*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale 354, a matter most admirable. Although she could not leave Lucca, she was a great missionary: she desired an Institute for missionary work, her daughters were missionaries, and at the end of her life, she wished to give what she could freely dispose of for the Missions. Beloved children and daughters! Many years after the passing of Sister Elena Guerra, her message is still relevant. Indeed, we all feel the need for a continued outpouring of the Holy Spirit, like a new Pentecost that will renew the face of the earth. Only the animating breath of the Holy Spirit can inflame hearts with virtue and preserve them from the contagion of sin. Even in our time, faced with the miseries that afflict the world, many are discouraged, and give up, or are tempted to give up, on the effort, or at least to slow it down, somewhat resembling the prophet Jonah, who, sitting sadly in the shadow of a bush, awaited death: 2 Only the strength of the Holy Spirit can sustain Christians in the struggles for good and enable them to overcome contradictions and difficulties happily. Children! Your city was the place chosen by God, where this beautiful flower of holiness was to blossom and develop. Her message resonated in Lucca before it did elsewhere, and abundant fruits were gathered there. It is necessary to keep this flame alive, especially now that the Blessed Elena, raised to the honors of the altar, looks upon you with such satisfaction. Faced with the seductions of the age, she admonishes you with Saint Paul: "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God." She urges you instead to correspond to her grace, to heed her dictates, because only in this way will you find in Him and for Him – as the Church sings in her liturgy – the merit of virtue, eternal salvation, and perpetual joy: "From virtue, the merit; from salvation, the outcome; from perpetual joy." With these sentiments, we impart to you, beloved children and daughters, to your venerable Archbishop, reserved for the joy of this day, to his worthy Auxiliary, to the diocesan clergy, to the religious men and women, to the civil authorities present here, to those who are closest and most dear to your hearts, and to everything that constitutes for each of you a commitment to apostolate, to work, and to social action, the comfort of the Apostolic

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Blessing. 2 Cf. Jonah 4:5. 3 Ephesians 4:30.

[*Latin ed. p. 355*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 355, on the third day before the Kalends of May, in the Basilica of the Vatican, addressed to a gathering of Italian workers and organizations, commonly known as "Christian Associations of Italian Workers" (A.C.L.I.).

On this bright day, in which the feast of the Patronage of Saint Joseph over the universal Church has been given a special significance as a protector and example for all workers, We desire to feel particularly close to you, Our beloved sons and daughters. The history of your grand Association is recent; but the Church has always felt a fervent zeal for charity towards the world of work, which with you has now taken a particular form, alongside other associative expressions, which are also noble and precious. We cherish you because We have seen in you the fulfillment of ideals, for whose realization true precursors of the present social renewal worked tirelessly, whom We knew intimately in the springtime of Our priesthood. In the beloved Bergamo, which was among the first dioceses of Italy to develop a courageous social program: alongside a great shepherd of souls, the beloved Monsignor Badini-Tedeschi, We learned how to take to heart the concerns of the workers; from his decision and his zeal, We received the most eloquent proof of the maternal solicitude of the Church for these, her children. We have always followed you with sympathy, even though the service of the Church kept Us far from Italy. And when, out of obedience, We accepted the governance of Our Venice, We were able to appreciate closely, and with increasing esteem, the work carried out by your Christian Associations of Italian Workers, with breadth of vision and fervor of purpose; a work – as We wrote last year to Our faithful – which is a strong and "renewed call to reflection, gratitude, and imitation." In you, We see all the workers of Italy and the world, who, like you, are believers and faithful children of the Church, and who today celebrate the precious and sanctifying value of work. We greet them all with paternal affection: both those who, through the use of the talents of intelligence and culture, carry out their spiritual activity; and those who employ the strength of their arms in the service of society: workers of the fields and mines, of industry and of craftsmanship. * May 1st, in the year 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 356*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 356: concerning workshops and factories: female workers in the home and shop, in the rice fields and in factories. All are equally dear to Our heart. To these various branches of the vast world of labor, the attention and solicitude of your meritorious Associations are directed, striving with blessed and worthy effort to subject human industry ever more deeply to the influence of the teaching and love

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of Christ. They have, in these years, made a promising progress, worthy of encouragement and support, dedicating themselves with generous spirit to the renewal of the working class through active and constructive collaboration with employers, in mutual respect for their respective rights and duties. Numerous activities were undertaken to benefit workers: not by fomenting their discontent with empty words, but by helping them to resolve their problems in the light of the Gospel, under the guidance of the Church's magisterium, with its fundamental documents, and in the spirit of Christianity, which is firmness, freedom, respect for the person, and at the same time, loyalty, charity, gentleness, and patience. With such principles and aims, your Associations have flourished with the blessing of God, in a progressive development, which culminated on the day of the first of May in the year 1955, a day which Our Predecessor, Pope Pius XII, of venerable memory, dedicated to the celebration of Christian labor, consecrating it to Saint Joseph. Therefore, you celebrate today the ennobling and sanctifying nobility of labor, modeled admirably on the example of your heavenly Patron. This feast has for you a double character of thanksgiving and supplication. Thanksgiving due to the Lord, for the help He has given you during the year, granting you the enjoyment of the precious goods of existence and family: protecting you from the dangers of soul and body: and turning even the inevitable trials and sorrows of life to your spiritual advantage. To Him, therefore, let your thanksgiving ascend, for, as the opening words of this morning's Mass of Saint Joseph proclaim, He "rewarded the just for their labors, He guided them in a wondrous way, and He gave them shade in the day, and light of stars in the night" - 1 Sap. 10, 17.

[*Latin ed. p. 357*]

To this most pleasing sentiment, the Act of Propitiation is added, concerning that which awaits you in the future, by which you ask of Him the continuous gift of His heavenly protection and mercy, being fully aware that "if the Lord does not build the house, in vain do they labor who build it." 2 Strengthened by this conviction, you must abandon yourselves with full trust in Him, beloved sons and daughters. You know that the true happiness of man, that which endures even amidst the painful vicissitudes of life, lies in never losing sight of the supreme end; and that, while diligently striving to elevate your own standard of living, to the degree fitting the dignity of free children of God, you must constantly turn your hearts to God, "to heavenly desires." May the words of the Apostle Paul, resounding in this morning's Mass, find effective response in each of you: "Let the peace of Christ reign in your hearts... Whatever you do, do all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God and the Father through him... Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as to the Lord, and not to men; knowing that you will receive from the Lord the reward of the inheritance."

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3 Therefore, be courageous, beloved sons and daughters! The Lord is with you! As He has blessed your Associations in the past, so He will lead you forward "in a strong hand and an outstretched arm!" 4 Know that the Pope is with you! Echoing the encouraging words of Pius XI, of blessed memory, which were spoken to you in the Audience granted to you on May 1, 1956, we say to you: "Cling firmly to your peaceful banners, to which a splendid future, rich with well-founded promises, already seems to smile. The Christian Associations of Workers contain within themselves a living and intrinsic force, which, fully developed, will contribute effectively to hastening the hoped-for event of true social peace. Are not Christian workers, moved by eternal principles and drawing from faith and grace the gentle strength to overcome obstacles, perhaps not far from the day when they will be able to exercise the office of leadership in the world of work?" 5 This day must come to pass, with the omnipotent help of the Lord, and with your generous collaboration. Be convinced of this, beloved sons and daughters: much, very much, depends on you. In the application of the Gospel, 2 Psalm 126(127), 1. 3 Colossians 3, 15, 17, 23-24. * Deuteronomy 5, 15. 4 A. A. S. 23 [1956], p. 290.

[*Latin ed. p. 358*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 358, and of the Social Teaching of the Church, contains the force which alone can build, in truth and charity, the Christian world of labor. Unfortunately, not all Catholic workers are convinced of this divine power that they possess, and with their lukewarmness and timidity, they do not strive for the salvation of so many of their brothers. Sadly, a painful misconception is fostered in some, as We wrote to Our children of Venice in August of 1956: "namely, the danger that the specious axiom may penetrate minds, that in order to achieve social justice, to aid the poor of every category, and to enforce respect for tax laws, it is absolutely necessary to associate with those who deny God, and with oppressors of human liberties, and perhaps to yield to their whims. This is false in its premises, and tragically disastrous in its applications."

Therefore, have no fear, beloved sons and daughters! Your mission is great and beneficial: use diligently the talents that the Lord has entrusted to you, so that the full noon, already foretold by your bright and promising dawn, may arrive, in which Jesus will mark the social world with His gentle and effective presence! With the power of truth, go to all, wherever there are minds to enlighten, wills to strengthen, energies to channel towards good; wherever there are tears to wipe away, uncertainties to overcome, and solitudes to animate. Approach with gentleness, meekness, and patience those brothers who are distant, who perhaps, beneath their denial, conceal a wounded heart, in need of love and understanding. Make them understand that the solution to their problems is not found in hatred, nor is

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the secret of the renewal of the world found in the triumph of anti-Christian ideologies, but in the willing, consistent, and decisive practice of the Holy Gospel, lived by all, even with personal sacrifice.

There is still much to be done: We know this well, because daily We receive the painful cries of so many of Our children, who ask for bread for themselves and for their loved ones, who seek employment, who ask for a secure livelihood. Our thoughts, Our affection, are first and foremost with these men who are disheartened by unemployment and underemployment. Therefore, common solicitude must be directed towards them; and We trust that with appropriate measures and diligent care, the difficulties will be resolved, and they will find the due and necessary means of sustenance, and of family peace. For them, as for all workers of Italy and the world – special.

6 References and exhortations to the Clergy and the Laity of Venice, pp. 7-8.

[*Latin ed. p. 359*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 359, with the sentiments of those who are subject to more arduous labors: We invoke the help and consolations of God, the gifts of material prosperity and spiritual peace, through the intercession of your Holy Patron. O glorious Saint Joseph, who veiled your incomparable and regal dignity as guardian of Jesus and the Virgin Mary under the humble appearance of a craftsman, and with your labor sustained their lives, protect with loving power those children who are particularly entrusted to you. You know their anxieties and their sufferings, because you yourself experienced them, alongside Jesus and His Mother. Do not allow them, oppressed by so many concerns, to forget the purpose for which they were created by God; do not allow the seeds of distrust to take hold of their immortal souls. Remind all workers, in the fields, in the workshops, in the mines, in the laboratories of science, that they are not alone in working, rejoicing, and suffering, but that Jesus is with them, along with Mary, His Mother and ours, to support them, to wipe away their sweat, and to enrich their labors. Teach them to make of work, as You did, a most exalted instrument of sanctification. Confident that Our words will find in your hearts a generous response of affection and holy resolutions, We strengthen Our fervent prayers with Our paternal Apostolic Blessing, which We impart from the heart to you, to your families, and, with particular tenderness, to your children; to the places sanctified by your labor; to your colleagues; to the most worthy Prelates, Our venerable Brothers in the Episcopate, who have accompanied you today, and who follow you with pastoral solicitude; and to the meritorious leaders and zealous assistants of the Christian Associations of Workers of Italy.

To those who attended the Third National Congress of Catholic Writings, daily or on certain days, published.

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* To you, journalists and all collaborators of the Catholic press and publishing of Italy, who have come to Rome for the Third National Congress, we offer a cordial welcome. The Congress took place, so to speak, on two levels: the technical and organizational level, and the spiritual and apostolic level. Regarding the former, which is not foreign to Our attention, we...

The 4th of May, in the year 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 360*]

360 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale, we intend to remain. We do not fully understand the importance. It is enough to reflect that, perhaps due to less attention given to this sector in the past, the Catholic press, in general, has not had on public opinion the influence that other newspapers have, which are technically well-made, and therefore a more accessible vehicle for opinions and orientations, not always in conformity with Catholic doctrine. Reviewing the program of your work, carried out in recent days, we noted the variety and importance of the topics treated on this subject: we are pleased with this, and we encourage you to be, in this regard, soundly modern. Having said this, we wish to point out how the entire fabric of your Congress is permeated by a lively desire for conquest and elevation: and for this we commend you. But for your apostolate to be enough for the cause of God, the Church, and souls, it is necessary always to keep in mind the purpose for which you use the tools of your profession. They are, above all, an instrument of truth. The defection of part of modern thought from the *philosophia perennis* has caused in many a neglect of divine truth, as if it were not the proper object of human intelligence. The modern philosophical relativism repeats the skeptical question of Pilate: "Quid est veritas?" - 1 But you know well that God is Truth by essence: Christ is Truth 2: the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth. 3 4 Dante would say that the reflection of this divine light "penetrates and shines throughout the universe—more in one place and less in another," but above all, it penetrates the innermost part of the human soul, which is made for the knowledge of truth, and for the love that derives from it: "Quid anima desiderat?" - exclaims St. Augustine - "nisi veritatem?" Therefore, it is the duty of every man, and even more so of every Christian, to bear witness to the truth. In a particularly special way, you journalists must, by professional conscience, be cultivators of truth, so that it, often trampled upon and betrayed by the media, may triumph! Journalists and writers and operators of this sector are also called to an even higher responsibility. Their instruments are, in fact, not only of truth, but also of charity: an instrument of *caritas*.

1 Cf. Io. 18, 38.

2 Cf. Io. 14, 6.

3 Cf. Io. 16, 13.

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4 Cf. Parad. I, 2-3.

[*Latin ed. p. 361*]

Acta Ioannis P.P. XXIII, 361: directed, that is to say, to elevate minds, to build up the good, to radiate virtue in souls. We do not wish to dwell on painting a picture, which would be sad, of the evil that so much of the press produces with its immorality and malice. And it is with a truly afflicted and anguished heart that We consider the enormous damage caused by certain publications, through words and, even more so, through images, to so many consciences, especially those of young people. May the Lord grant that there are few parents who do not feel the grave duty of not becoming accomplices in the ruin of their children. We know, in fact, that a dangerous snare has come from those illustrated daily and periodical publications, which present an alluring mixture of the serious and the profane, sometimes even the indecent, under the pretext of complete information or advertising. Precisely in order to replace such publications in Christian families, which appear innocent and are therefore all the more pernicious, the organizational and technical progress of Catholic publishing is necessary, which thus becomes a matter of substance. Finally, there is a certain press that gravely sins against truth and against charity, lying in order to inspire hatred; a press that seems to have this single program: to lead simple souls to perdition; every day to distort the truth, to interpret every expression of the Church's Magisterium in an inaccurate way, and to attack the Church in order to remove love for Christ; to fight Jesus Christ in order to fight God Himself. And this often under the false guise of hastening the solution of the problems that plague workers, the weak, and the defenseless. With what spirit, therefore, must you use the tools of the press? "In all things taking the shield of faith, wherewith you may be able to extinguish all the fiery darts of the most wicked one." And "take on the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." In the same Letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul gives the motto that can guide the steps of everyone, in this arduous journey: "But doing the truth in charity, we may in all things grow up in him who is the head, even Christ." Sing praises! Charity in writing, and even in polemics, does not weaken the truth, but rather strengthens it, because it makes it more acceptable. "Kill errors," said Saint Augustine, "love those who err." Without relinquishing any of the rights of truth, how much more palatable it would become. *Eph. 6, 16-17. *Eph. 4, 15.

[*Latin ed. p. 362*]

The *Acta Apostolicae Sedis* – Official Commentary, 362, would be more agreeable, if it were used in controversies, to employ a well-known image of Saint Francis de Sales: "less vinegar and more honey!" We would like to propose as a model for the Christian polemicist a great Italian layman,

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who, in his polemics, was an example of humility and charity: Alessandro Manzoni. He, in the "Observations on Catholic Morality," presents himself to the reader as "a weak but sincere apologist for a morality whose goal is love"; and although feeling "the duty to speak the truth," he always keeps his polemic within the bounds of charity. Let it be so with you also: intrepid defenders of the truth, but loyal and generous to your adversaries, because always and everywhere "the charity of Christ urges us."

We cannot now take leave of you without saying to all of you (and to each one according to his specific activity and competence) a word of explicit and heartfelt encouragement to devote your energies to the prosperity and dissemination of good printing, in the broadest and deepest sense of the phrase. The apostolate of the press, in all its forms. First of all, the daily newspapers, so that they may enter visibly into every place. But then also the weeklies, which today in every family are almost an indispensable complement to the daily newspaper; here, more than ever, technical perfection is necessary. We would like to add a word about the importance of periodicals, especially those missionary and those for educated, literary, and scientific people. Finally, give all the support you can to the Catholic Agencies, of which it is superfluous to emphasize how great the need is and how delicate their activity requires; and finally – last, but not least – the love of the good book. The apostolate of good printing, of the good book, we have said. But goodness must be not only of the end and of the intentions, but also of the substance. Goodness which coincides with truth, for which we must emphasize the need that the content be of high value. Prepare newspapers, books, and publications of value, and you will thereby be apostles, because the word that is at the same time truth, love, and beauty is a conqueror, reflecting the Supreme Wisdom, the First Love, and the Eternal Beauty! 2 Corinthians 5:14.

[*Latin ed. p. 363*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, >363 V. To the faithful from the Canadian region, who have undertaken a pilgrimage to participate in the sacred celebrations in Rome, at which the Venerable Servant of God, Mary Margaret Dufrost de Lajemmerais, widow of Youvïlle, is to be declared Blessed. * We are pleased to welcome you, dear sons of Canada, who have come to Rome for the solemn Beatification of Mother Mary Margaret d'Youville, and, among you, We greet in particular the beloved "Grey Sisters," all filled with joy at the glorification of their Founder. Despite the distance, you have come in large numbers for this feast of the Church, which is also – in a very special way – a feast of your homeland, since it is the first time that a flower of sanctity, which blossomed on Canadian soil, is flourishing under the vaults of Saint Peter. We rejoice with you; We congratulate your Bishops who are present here, heirs and continuers of a lineage of prelates and apostles who, following the example of Monsignor de Montmorency-

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Laval, have deeply implanted the Christian faith on the shores of the Saint Lawrence and throughout the country. We wish in particular to express Our affection to Our very beloved Son, the Cardinal Archbishop of Montreal, as well as to the very dear Archbishop of Quebec, whose see – now become a primatial see – extended its jurisdiction to the ancient Ville-Marie, where the Blessed lived. With a generous heart, dear pilgrims, We offer you as an example this daughter of your people, whom We have just raised to the honor of the altars. From the family Dufrost de Lajemmerais, which gave her life, she received the precious inheritance of a deep faith, and two of her brothers became priests. In her own home, sadly afflicted, she was a virtuous wife in misfortune, a widow full of dignity and courage, an exemplary mother who had the consolation of seeing the two sons who survived from her marriage to François d'Youville ascend to the altar. Your homeland owes much to these admirable women who have made Canada the strength of the Christian family, a nursery of priestly and religious vocations. May the wives and mothers of your land today find, in the glorification of one of their own, a reason for pride and joy, and also an encouragement to persevere in the path of duty! * May 4, 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 364*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Commentary 364 Official. When, in the year 1737, Madame d'Youville, guided by holy priests of the Company of Saint Sulpice, laid the first foundations of her work of charity, she could not foresee through what long series of material trials, physical sufferings, and human contradictions the Lord would lead her, in order to firmly establish the new institution upon the rock of faith and humility. If today some 7000 religious, grouped in six independent branches, are honored to live in the spirit of the Blessed, let us not forget that the admirable fruits of good, produced over two centuries, come from the humble seed sown in Canadian soil by this intrepid woman, and which, as with all great works of God, germinated slowly in suffering. The supernatural love for the poor, the sick, and the marginalized was the secret spring that animated this great soul. To be good, to be simple, full of respect and delicacy towards those who suffer, who are humiliated by their physical or moral condition; to spread among them the smile and comfort of friendship; to radiate upon all the warmth of a charity constantly renewed in the meditation of the Heart of Christ: is this not, dear sons and daughters, the great lesson that you will take from the glorification by the Church of the Blessed Mary Margaret d'Youville? We invoke, in conclusion, upon the most worthy and beloved Cardinal Léger, upon the other members of the Canadian Hierarchy who have come to Rome for this occasion, upon you all, dear pilgrims, and in a very special way upon the Sisters of Charity of Montreal, a great outpouring of graces through the intercession of the new Blessed; and We grant to you all, with a generous heart, Our paternal Apostolic Blessing. VI To the Most Excellent

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Man, John Gronchi, President of the Italian Republic. * Mr. President, The joy that, in these first months of Our service of the Supreme Pontificate, is brought to Us by the singular and fortunate proximity of meetings with the most illustrious and qualified representatives of some peoples, is elevated today... * May 6th of the month, in the year 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 365*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, page 365, represent the highest expression of esteem and significance for his noble and cherished visit. This brings a double cause for shared joy: the joyful greeting of Italy, the nation closest to the See of the Successor of Saint Peter, the first Bishop of Rome, and the cornerstone of the Church of Christ, and, at the same time, the auspicious occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the Lateran Pacts. Therefore, in welcoming you, Mr. President, our thoughts are accompanied by a singular affection for all Italians, whom you, Mr. President, have the honor of representing. Since the time when, with the most resolute obedience of our lives, we left our native land for a mission of universality, which over nearly thirty years allowed us to address vast and complex issues concerning the implementation of the kingdom and the civilization of Christ, we were able to extend our horizons beyond the limits of a single nation, and to understand, from East to West, the conditions of the entire world. And it was precisely this broader familiarity that led us – at the beginning of that obedience, when we were appointed President of the Missionary Cooperation Works in Italia – to better know all of Italy in its various regions, and to love it more deeply, as it appeared to us rich with the blessings of God. In those, now distant, explorations, from North to South, Piedmont, Lombardia, Veneto, to Campania, Puglia, Calabria, Sicily, and Sardinia, we found great pleasure and edification in observing the spiritual riches that this land preserves and to which it continues to render honor: most worthy and venerable Bishops, a zealous and diligent clergy according to the needs of their priestly ministry, and populations that are good and still inspired by the religion of their fathers. We are always on earth, Mr. President, in Italia as elsewhere, but the reasons for hope are and remain more valid than those for fear: even if here and there signs of confusion of ideas and principles appear, which suggest to us – *Gustos, quid de nocte?* – vigilance, forthrightness of expression, concord, and firmness of will in the steadfast defense of all that is most sacred to every nation, which honors the name and the spirit of Christ the Savior and the light of the human race. Please do not find it unwelcome, Mr. President, for us to recall here, in the House of the Common Father, where Divine Providence pleased to lead our humble person, and to procure for us this courteous meeting, to recall

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– let us say – our first meeting under the vaults of the...

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366 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale. In Pisa, in die festo principalis S. Ranieri: post quae nostrae praesentiales, stetimus coram altare Dei, ad ritum sollemnem et carum, ubi ille populus exultans, cum reverentia et pietate, salutabat novum Praesidem Republicae Italiae, cuius adventus, per inopinatam conjunctionem, Cardinalem Patriarcham Venetiarum comitabatur, utrique gaudentes, nomine duarum urbium maritimarum, memoriam praeclarae et gloriosae historiae Italiae renovare. Domine Praeside, num licet nobis mentionem facere notarum breviarum, quae in nostro diario illius diei consignatae sunt? Ecce illae: "17 Iunii 1955. Pisa. Nox laboriosa ad parandam orationem ad Missam Pontificalem. Ceremonia in Primaziali impressiva, per se et ob circumstantias. Prima fuit participatio Praesidis Gronchi in sollemni Missa officiali, ab ipso electione sua. Ex templo cum ipso egressi, inter populum festantem, dixit: 'Oratio tam magnum solamen praebet in vita. Spero Deum me adiuturum esse, ut non fallam in gravi officio meo et in difficultatibus quae ad id pertinent.'" Verba pretiosa, quae officia illorum evocant, qui munibus publicis praediti sunt, quae, etsi aliae sunt in genere et amplitudine, essentia tamen eadem, et gravissima. Quilibet in via sua, ad fines suorum officiorum pervenire conatur, animus ergo humilitas et fiducia in Deo, Qui lucem et sustentationem per gratiam suam praebet, effortui humano, ad bona successa et intima solatia vitae, praesens et futura. Domine Praeside, gratias agimus pro visita vestra. Insignia Ordinis Supremi Christi, quibus dignitatem vestram illustrare voluimus, vestra sint signum affectuum nostrorum cordium pro Italia benedicta et amata. Cum vobis hanc distinctionem, antiquissimam et praestantissimam, conferimus, dicere volumus, quod non alienum a nostro animo fuit intentio honorandi memoriam magni Pontificis, qui eam instituit die 14 Martii 1319, ultimi Pontificum, ab iis quos hereditavit continuationem nominis: Papa Ioannes XXII. Domine Praeside: etiam nomina in felici conjunctione conveniunt: et amant inter se consistere. Nomen et omen: in auspicio et spe.

[*Latin ed. p. 367*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 367. To the faithful gathered in the Forum of Saint Peter, where the urns were solemnly brought, in which the sacred remains of Saint Pius X and Saint John Bosco are kept. * Venerable Brothers and beloved children! The spectacle that is offered this evening to the contemplation of Our eyes fills Our soul with profound and deeply moved joy. The great square of the Basilica of Saint Peter, which for centuries has opened its marble arms to the greeting of crowds of praying and pilgrim people, inviting them to contemplation and prayer, receives this evening the two glorious and beloved Saints of the hearts of so many Christians:

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Saint Pius X, Pope of Rome, and Saint John Bosco, apostle of youth. The space, enclosed by the powerful colonnade of Bernini, is transformed this hour as if into a solemn temple, into an altar of prayer and praise. The venerated remains of the Holy Pope return after a month, of what we almost wish to call the last pastoral visit in the Patriarchate that once was his; and in a happy coincidence of events, they meet with the mortal remains of Saint John Bosco, who, brought by the piety of his children to the church recently dedicated to him in the Tuscolano district, is about to return to his Turin. With lively satisfaction of the soul, and also with personal participation in word, writing, and presence, We have followed day by day the two solemn manifestations, which have aroused so much fervor and so much devotion everywhere, echoed throughout the world: Venerable Brothers and beloved children, allow Us, at this concluding moment, which joins in such a singular and lovable significance the two shining models of sanctity of our times, to point out the spiritual value of this present circumstance. 1. As far as Pius X is concerned, the edifying scene of this evening is in all respects worthy of the first pages of the Divine Book: worthy of being compared to that fiftieth chapter of Genesis, where it is said that the sons of Jacob accompanied the body of their Patriarch to the double tomb, which Abraham had made for himself. * On May 11th, in the evening, in the year 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 368*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 368, and for his people in the land of Canaan, in the field of Efron the Hittite, which was before Hebron. 1. Not differently, the citizens of Venice, to whom, as a distinct sign of affection, we had granted the great favor and the great honor of temporarily transferring the sacred remains of Pope Pius X, their illustrious Patriarch, before he became the glorious Pontiff of the universal Church, as if to help him fulfill an ancient promise, are now, in perfect fidelity, ready to return the sacred deposit, so that, being reunited in the Basilica of St. Peter, it may continue to be a source of intercession for those who invoke him, and of edification and joy for the entire Christian people. But what greatness, what triumph in this posthumous pilgrimage of the ancient Patriarch among his good Venetian people! What spiritual exaltation in his passage near the gates of the principal cities, arranged along his route from Venice to Roma! And here in Roma, how much devoted and enthusiastic cordiality in receiving him, so that we repeated to ourselves many times: "God is wonderful in his saints." 2. Nothing was lacking in the solemnity of this return and this reception: first, the crowd, not only "not small," but immense; and "He had also in his train chariots and horsemen," patient or eager, since all modern means of transportation were employed to make it more rapid and solemn. This was a great blessing for the Venetian people and the Italian people: a most effective apostolate of truth, of religious

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piety, and of peace! To recount it, besides bringing profound satisfaction to our spirit, opens our heart to the most joyful hopes. The lives of the Saints that the Lord graciously bestows upon his Church from time to time, reflect greatly the varied configuration of places, times, and people, among whom these privileged and generous individuals lived and multiplied the outstanding virtues and good examples, enriching the spiritual heritage of a strong and Christian people. Therefore, Venerable Brothers and beloved sons, thanking God for the immense riches multiplied by this passage of the sacred remains of a holy Pontiff, we welcome them in their return to the City, and we reunite them with reverent emotion, here where they will continue to be an object of veneration for pilgrims from all over the world. 1 Gen. 50, 13. Ps. 67, 36.

[*Latin ed. p. 369*]

Acta Ioannis Pp. XXIII 363. To certain of the most illustrious Saints in the Church of God, extraordinary tasks are sometimes reserved, which extend through the centuries. Moreover, each Saint has his own providential mission to fulfill, his own character, which leaves a particular imprint in his time, and which sometimes extends even into the material and temporal order. Pius X is entirely a glorification of pastoral duties; and to observe minutely the eleven years of his pontificate, one deduces such a multitude and fullness of wise provisions for the internal structure of the ecclesiastical administration, for the renewal of religious piety among the clergy and the people, for the exercise of charity and pastoral ministry, as to fill the soul with admiration and wonder. To him, as a distinguished, vigilant, and incomparable shepherd, one could well apply the threefold description that another of his distant predecessors, in more difficult and harsh times than ours, used to summarize the Holy Church, as he wished it, and in part obtained it: namely, "free, chaste, Catholic." And behold now, the holy Pius X, like the ancient Patriarch Jacob, before Mambre, "in possessionem sepulcri," and forever: behold him before his people, this his "gens sancta," this "regale sacerdotium," this "populus acquisitionis," – as St. Peter called it – to recall, as the dying Patriarch recalled to his sons exiled in a foreign land, the precepts of the Lord. He is here, and his voice, which comes from the bosom of God, reminds all Christians of the right path to follow: the correct appreciation that must be made of earthly things, and that is, not simply and exclusively in view of material prosperity, but in the preparation, for each man, of his return to the House of the Father, for which we were all created, and marked on our foreheads with the divine seal of grace. O glorious Pope Pius! Here we are before your tomb, your altar. In the rite of commending you to the serene and beneficial peace of the Saints of the Lord, the Princes of the Holy Church, residing in the City, who comprise the Sacred College of Cardinals, stand around us; and next to them, the first and most precious and beloved collaborators of the eccle-

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siastical government. Added to this is the distinguished array of prelates, Our and their tireless collaborators; of priests especially consecrated to the service of souls, in the various degrees of the ecclesiastical parish order; and the vibrant choirs of the newly awakened youth, gathered here from every point of the earth to be educated in the conquests of the future of the Kingdom of Christ in the Church; and finally, the crowd, the devout and pious crowd, of the faithful of the City.

[*Latin ed. p. 370*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 370, from all over the world, which attracts towards your protection, O Holy Father, a charm equally noble and powerful of admiration and love. Be for all, O Saint Pius X, a friend, an inspirer, an intercessor.

2. Alongside Saint Pius X, as We have already said, We also offer an affectionate tribute of veneration and joy, in a wonderful unanimity of sentiments and affections, to Saint John Bosco. A happy concurrence of meanings prepared for his return to the City, a hundred years after his first arrival. The humble priest of the popular districts of Turin was not unknown when he first came to Rome. For the people, Don Bosco was always the priest of the young, of the youth, which is to say, the priest entirely dedicated to their religious instruction, their moral education, their formation in civic virtues, and in work. In this, he foresaw with wise foresight the future prosperity of the Church and of society, and he dedicated himself to it with gentle confidence and firm rectitude. But for those who knew how to read deeply, Don Bosco immediately revealed himself, alongside his concern for youth, as the priest of the Pope: the Roman priest, so that it was said in his city, with a touch of jealousy: "Rome admires you: Turin loves you." After so many years, in the radiant light of his figure and his work, it is rightly said, almost correcting the ingenious phrase: "The whole world admires you: the whole world loves you." Don Bosco is still alive in the enchantment that he exerts on young souls. He indeed had the rare ability to gather and understand the aspirations of youth. It is not true that this always seeks to overdo things, to impose itself with the light of doctrine, with the direction of good discipline. On the contrary, it wants to be understood with a benevolent intellect, guided with a strong hand, with a sincere word: it wants to find hearts that love and encourage it, helping it gently and firmly in the search for what is truly important in life; in this present life and in the direction towards the future. This appeared to Us with Our profound pleasure on the radiant day of Sunday, May 3rd, when, among the more than one hundred thousand people who surrounded Us in the Tuscolano district, the majority were young people, vibrant with enthusiasm, who acclaimed the Pope, and in the Pope, the perennial youth of the Church. Reflecting on this magnificent reality, We repeat to the young

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people the words:

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Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 371 of Pius IX, who was the Pope during the time of Don Bosco: "We are with you." The Papacy, through which Christ governs souls, has its foundation not in the territorial dimensions of a State, but in expressions of missionary, apostolic, and charitable activity, in the forms of life in which young souls are molded for the future. On this evening of emotion and love, the hymn of gratitude is raised to Don Bosco, apostle of youth, and with him to all the founders and leaders of ancient and modern institutions, who deploy their energies in Rome and throughout the world in the education of the younger generations, with the certainty of a perpetually promising dawn of life, activity, and Christian perfection. Venerable Brothers and beloved sons! On the threshold of this Basilica, near the tombs of the Apostles, the Martyrs, and the illustrious Doctors, to whom the gaze of faithful Catholics from all over the world is turned. We feel, in this hour, the solemn warning and the persuasive encouragement of the prophetic words of the Liturgy: "I saw men clothed in bright garments, and the Angel of the Lord spoke to me, saying: These are the men who have been made holy, who are the friends of God." Behold, these friends of God, after the wondrous journey of their earthly existence, during which they knew and loved one another: behold, after this pilgrimage of these days from Rome to Venice, from Turin to Rome. Truly, the supplication rises to our lips, moved: "Your saints, O Lord, have wonderfully completed their journey." The journey of these Saints has been completed, even in the fulfillment of a desire for a meeting of St. Pius X with his people of Venice, and of St. John Bosco with that population of the City entrusted to the pastoral ministry of his sons. Beloved sons! Just as the eyes are turned to these glorious urns, so may the steps of each of us be directed to continue the journey towards the fulfillment of our earthly and eternal vocation. St. Pius, pray for us; St. John, pray for us. O Saints of the Lord! Pray for the whole Church, which acclaims and venerates you; pray that what was foremost in your thoughts, what was the constant application of your apostolic work, may always be our commitment to the purity of faith, to the sanctity of conduct, to the charity of fraternal and social relationships. Pray that good families may multiply, which give to the Church and to society generous and faithful servants; pray that all men, meditating on thoughts of peace, may come to the firm conviction that only gentle and generous goodness dissolves what is arduous and difficult, strengthens the bonds of fraternity, conquers hearts, saves families, and saves peoples.

[*Latin ed. p. 372*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium 372 Officiale VIII

Ad Excellentissimum Virum SoeKarno, Reipublicae Indonesianae

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Praesidem.

Domine Praeside,

Gaudeo salutare Vostram Excellentiam in domo Nostra, ubi, sicut scimus, Vestrae iam ante annos aliquot, a Nostro memorabili Praedecessore, Papa Pio XII, de veneranda memoria, cordialmente accipiebatur. Ab eo tempore quo Providentia mysteria Nos ad succedendum ei designavit, sollicitudines quae ad hanc altam dignitatem pertinent, cor Nostrum impleverunt, et Nos sentimus erga omnes populos terrae, proximos et longinquos ab urbe Roma, affectum paternale, quem libenter in hac occasione ad nobilem Nationem Indonesianam exprimimus.

Non oblivimur quod inter primas curas regiminis Vostri fuit instituere cum Sede Apostolica relationes diplomaticae, manifestans per hoc curam de valoribus spiritualibus quae Vobis maximum honorem tribuent; et gaudeo videre novam confirmationem huius in visita quam hodie Vestra Excellentia Nobis facit.

Cognoscimus et secumur cum sympathia effortum quem populus Vester facit ad augendam prosperitatem suam in diversis sectoribus vitae civilis. Catholici volunt ad hanc actionem communem tributum generosum et activum addere, secundum responsabilitates suas civiles et sociales intra familiam Indonesianam amplam: quae multa instituta educationis, hospitalia et caritatis quae fundaverunt et sustentant, hoc bene demonstrant.

Suscipio cum gaudio effortus quos faciunt ad multiplicandos et perficiendos scholas, et ad praebendam filiis populi Vostri professores quorum virtus moralis et praeparatio professionalis sint ad magnitudinem magnae missionis quae eis committitur. Sic, spero, semper magis et magis – et hoc mihi placet cogitare – recognoscemini a populis quibus vos deditis estis, et ab auctoritatibus publicis.

Cum hoc desiderio, et cum omnibus quibus Nos formamus pro crescenti prosperitate patriae Vestrae, gaudeo hodie Vostram Excellentiam accipere, et invoco super Vostrum Excellentiam, super dignatos viros qui Vobis comitantur, et super totam Nationem Indonesianam, Benedictionem Omnipotentis.

Die 14 Maii mensis a. 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 373*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 373. A RADIO MESSAGE TO THE FAITHFUL OF VENICE, TO BRING TO A CLOSE THE SOLEMNITIES HELD IN HONOR OF SAINT PIUS X, WHICH WERE CELEBRATED IN VENICE DURING THE MONTH OF MAY.

Beloved children, as the celebrations in honor of Saint Pius X draw to a close, We are once again among you, not only through Our most worthy Cardinal Legate and the Pontifical Mission, but also with Our voice and with the tenderness of Our heart. On April eleventh, surrounded by

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the venerable assembly of Cardinals residing in the City, We delivered to you the sacred treasure of the mortal remains of the great Pontiff, hinting that, as a response to Our prayers, something mysterious and joyous was about to unfold on this journey through the lands of Italy. Those words seemed prophetic. Just one month later, We can confidently repeat, and the echo resounds everywhere, that something truly supernatural has been felt above our heads and in the depths of our hearts. You, Our beloved children of Venice, were witnesses to this; and We followed day by day the perfect fulfillment of those words of the Sacred Liturgy, which are a living expression of the common sentiment: "Thy saints, O Lord, are glorified throughout the earth." It was a holy and blessed joy, as when grace passes over souls, penetrates them, and elevates them. In 1903, as he departed for the Conclave, the Cardinal Patriarch Sarto said that he would return. He did indeed return, and He renewed in his beloved Venice, and throughout the entire Triveneto region, the miracle of his pastoral action, which is so penetrating, edifying, and sanctifying. Let us bless God for this. Along the banks of the rivers, where sudden and extraordinary floods occurred, words of remembrance were sometimes inscribed on the living stone, such as these: "Thus far, to this height, the waters rose." Perhaps never in the history of Venice was it given to witness a phenomenon of such high and sincere religious fervor, as in this posthumous passage. * May 10th, of the year 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 374*]

374 Acta Apostolicae Sedis – An Official Commentary on a holy and celebrated Patriarch, after nearly half a century since his death, because he was a humble and great shepherd in the Church of the Lord. On one of the stones of St. Mark's, have engraved, for the edification of posterity: – In the Year of Our Lord 1959: From April 12th to May 10th, around the body of St. Pius X, formerly our Patriarch and Pope of the Universal Church: *fluminis impetus laetificavit civitatem Dei* (the rush of the river rejoiced the city of God). What comfort also for the citizens of Rome, what universal joy to witness the most edifying welcomes given to the ancient shepherd who returned, glorified! Everything was noted and pleasing: even that moving cooperation of the Sampietrini (stone-layers) and Gondoliers, united in raising the sacred remains of the Holy Pontiff, and in seeing in that gesture the symbol of the uninterrupted *peregrinatio* of all social classes, of all ages, of all sufferings and human hopes, gathered around the blessed altar, expressing the unity of faith in the same language of prayer, and the firm and resolute purpose of mutual Christian fraternity, which must vivify human society. Children of Venice! As you prepare to accompany the Saint, along the royal route of the Grand Canal, for his return to Rome, through the triumphant manifestations that await him at the gates of many cities of Italy, allow us once again to thank you for the vibrant and pious

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spectacle that you have offered. In Rome, the sacred remains are awaited with rejoicing. The admirable example of devotion, of which the people of the Triveneto (Northeast Italy) have made them the object, is a reason for even more fervent emulation throughout the Holy Church. With the Holy Father Pius X, who, departing, greets and blesses you, his humble and insignificant successor, both in Venice and here on the Chair of St. Peter, once again greets and blesses you. Your two Patriarchs, bearing the common name of Joseph, who became Roman Pontiffs with the names of Pius and John, one blessed in heaven, the other humbly and anxiously engaged in the same task of universal shepherd amidst the harsh and difficult paths of the earth, together encourage you and assure you of their paternal affection, which you, moreover, so well deserve. The Holy Father Pius X, writing to the Mayor Grimani, said with a sad smile that he was happy to be, as it were, listening from afar, from Rome, to the bells of St. Mark's: those of the morning and evening, those of work, and those of joy and sorrow: thus, your most recent Patriarch, who became Pope, loves to keep his thoughts familiar with the memories of his brief, but nonetheless so significant, time.

[*Latin ed. p. 375*]

From the Acts of Pope John XXIII, page 375, concerning the pastoral ministry in Venice: With the eyes of our soul contemplating the magnificent, heavenly Basilica of Saint Mark, which has become more welcoming for large liturgical gatherings, and from Saint Mark looking out upon all the districts of the city, the islands, the mainland, the coastline, the countryside, the sister cities of the Three Venices, to this beloved portion of the Holy Church, which was and remains familiar and dear to Us. May God, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother, the Saints Apostles and Evangelists, and particularly of Saint Pius X, fulfill for all of you the biblical promise: "Benediction of the father shall strengthen the house of the sons." With these sentiments and paternal wishes, We impart to the Most Reverend Cardinal Legate, the Pontifical Mission, the Clergy, the Seminarians, the Authorities of the Region, and the entire people – with a special preference, which We trust you will grant, to the children, the poor, the sick, and the suffering – Our Apostolic Blessing, which is propitious for heavenly graces and great consolations.

ADDRESS TO THE CLERGY, WHO HAD GATHERED FROM THE ENTIRE VENETO REGION IN VENICE, TO VENEERATE THE SACRED RELICS OF SAINT PIUS X IN THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARK.

Beloved sons, Forty-five years after his birthday in his heavenly homeland, Pius X has returned for a few days to Venice, to his native land, to the field of his apostolate, among his humble and generous people, who remained always in his heart, even amidst the cares and burdens of the highest pontifical dignity. This glorious transfer of his mortal remains, We desired to witness since 1954, and We hastened it as soon as We were called

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to the second succession after Him on the Chair of Peter. Beyond all expectation, We are here before a triumph – oh! what a triumph – of the people, acclaiming their son and father, his most brilliant glory of modern times, and the esteemed Patron, with such intensity of fervor as to make Us hope for most edifying fruits of interior renewal for many souls.

[*Latin ed. p. 376*]

376 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale. In hoc momento, contemplamus vos, carissimi filii, congregati in S. Marco, cum venerabilibus vestris Episcopis, ex omnibus partibus Tre Venezie, et cum vobis, appropinquamus urnae benedictae, posita sub magna cupola Basilicae Aureae, contra altare Evangelistae Sancti Marci: non longe ab illustrissima Nicopeja, et prope illud historicum ambone, ex quo effundebatur doctrina robusta et clara Patriarchae Sarto, et suavitas eius orationis, quam, iuvenis quindecim annorum, audivimus nostris auribus in S. Alessandro in Colonna, Bergomum. Est naturale quod clerus et populus, sed praesertim sacerdotes, interrogent quid Pius X apportet in hoc suo reditu ad Venetiam, post paene dimidium saeculi ab eius discessu: quae utiles admonitiones nobis tribuat pro integritate vitae ecclesiasticae, determinata circumstantiis hodiernis. Maiestas mortis et caelestis gloria proclamata conferunt significationem specialem doctrinae huius magni, huius Sancti insignis. Attamen, considerata variationes aevorum, quae in suo turbulento succedens repetunt praesidia et vitia omni temporis: – iuvenes qui patiuntur fascine novitatum et praecedentibus senioribus, alicubi cum aliqua praesumptione: viri maturi temptati eligere quod respondet commoditatibus propriis, plus quam bono communi et generali – officia sacerdoti sunt tamen multa et gravia, et imponuntur attentioni et conscientiae cuiusque. Pius X, reditus inter suos, eos qui per sacram Ordinacionem sibi maxime prope sunt, sollemniter admonet tres puncta vitae sacerdotales, praesertim apta in omni aevo historiae: luminosa perseverantia, quae tam accentata est, et fascine, cui testes sumus, quod exercet super animas et collectivitates catholicas totius mundi, nos facit reconsiderare dignitatem sacerdotis, amorem ad Sanctam Ecclesiam, et sapientiam humanam et christianam quae praesertim convenit nostro vivere, vocati ut sumus: lumen mundi, sal terrae. Sunt tres elementa primissimi ordinis pro aedificatione vitae nostrae, carissimi sacerdotes, pro efficacia ministerii vestri: tres admonitiones huius sacerdos magnus Dei excelsi, sacerdos summus Altissimi, factus obiectum tam spontanei amoris populi, et propositus ad imitationem omnium. Extra et supra anecdota et scintillae bonitatis, quae, repetita et mutata, poterant minuere staturam eius viri, ecclesiastici distincti et pastoris animarum, Pius X

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[*Latin ed. p. 377*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, page 377: His characteristics, we might say, more sacred and more austere, were tempered by that sense of great understanding, so transparent in his smile and his warm words.

I. SACERDOTAL DIGNITY: The author of *The Imitation of Christ*, in Book IV, chapter 5, defines with an ineffable phrase the great characteristic of the priest before God and men: "A great ministry and a great dignity belong to priests, to whom has been given that which has not been granted even to angels." Therefore, a ministry of grace, a singular privilege! This dignity is inherent in the very fact of the vocation. It is gradually defined by the clerical attire, by the granting of the tonsure, in the ascent to the Sacred Orders, in the canonical mission, which is a whole poem of respect and love of the Holy Church for souls, and of trust in its priests. The Council of Trent, in whose sessions the need for a perfect adaptation of the priest to his highest duties was keenly felt, reminds us, with a severe and penetrating word, of what We have often permitted ourselves to whisper, almost in prayer, to the seminarians and priests of Our beloved Venice. The lofty and weighty words of the Council of Trent: "It is entirely fitting that those clerics who have been called by God to this service should, in their attire, their bearing, their gait, their speech, show nothing but gravity, moderation, and piety." These are expressions precise and worthy to be kept in mind and repeated, like the *Gloria Patri* of the Breviary. The Christian people, despite the changing of tastes and the weakening of the ancient spirit of devotion around the parish, still wants and always will have the priest who is worthy, enlightened, lovable, and holy. Unfortunately, the dust of worldliness seems to confuse and envelop everything. But the requirement of ecclesiastical dignity remains intact in the general opinion and in the most hidden recesses of hearts, even in children. If the priest is alive as fire, and therefore luminous, pure, and ardent, he is worth everything; otherwise, he counts for very little, even in the eyes of those who have temporarily abandoned religious practice. "Haerent animo" (He clings to the mind), as said by St. Pius X – on September 18th of last year, we reflected on the fiftieth anniversary of his acclaimed appearance, Session XXIII, chapter 18.

[*Latin ed. p. 378*]

378 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale concerning the celebration of the centenary of the priesthood in Castelfranco – flowed from the fervent heart of Pius X, just as a paternal lament, to call the clergy, both diocesan and regular, of the entire world, to a more intense interior life and to sanctification. Dear priests! If Pius X has penetrated the consciousness of the peoples, if he still shakes it today, if the teaching Church still draws from his magisterium, it is because he felt, lived, and savored

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this highest dignity, and conformed to it effortlessly and naturally in every circumstance of his life, from his time as a cooperating chaplain to his time as Supreme Pontiff. Before and alongside every other concern regarding desirable and opportune pastoral updates, and the application of new resources to reach the various categories of the faithful, take the greatest care of your soul. We say this to you with all simplicity and paternal familiarity. The pure and ardent soul of a priest is a mystery of light, of grace, and of love. The Angels of Heaven admire it and see in it the reflection of divine Majesty. Blessed is the priest who faithfully fulfills the daily duties of prayer; who loves the contemplation of the temple and of his home; who draws the living substance of his preaching from the Sacred Book; who, in his judgments, in his words, and in his manner, conforms to the examples of Our Lord, of His Mother, and of the Saints; who does not place excessive trust in human resources. Since sanctity is necessary for the salvation of his own soul and for the effectiveness of his apostolate, every priest must take the utmost care to approach the Sacrament of Penance and to avail himself of all those aids that experience suggests and the Church approves. "Therefore, if a priest is adorned with all virtues, then he is like the best salt, and the whole people are seasoned through him, more by seeing him than by hearing him. For the first lesson is to see the good, to hear it." 2 S. Ioan. Chrysost. Homil. 10 in Mt. - opus imperfectum - PG 33, 685.

THE CHURCH. The situations change, but the difficulties that stand in the way of the Church in the fulfillment of her divine mission never cease. To those who are surprised by this, to those who, too naively, hope for a dawn of absolute earthly rest and of easy conquests, We remind them.

[*Latin ed. p. 379*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, comprising 379 pages, are filled with accounts of blood and glory, written by martyrs and doctors, always in defense and for the honor of the sacred deposit entrusted by Christ to His Church. The Church, in the time of Pope Pius X, stood firm with prudence and fortitude. Some forced the door, alas; others achieved clamorous and painful deeds. But upon that clamor, the shadows of night then fell. Pope Pius X, meek and humble of heart, did not yield to the violence of the powerful of the earth, nor to the flattery of the dialecticians of the various schools. And he left the shining example of his steadfast love for the Sacred Scriptures and the sources of grace. To those who, calling him "a poor country priest of the Venetian countryside," imagined him almost confused and lost in the immensity of the papal duties, he gave the highest measure of his clear-sightedness as a Master and universal Pastor, especially through certain acts, among the most noteworthy of his pontificate: the founding of the Biblical Institute, the preparation of the Code of Canon Law, the reorganization of the Roman Congregations, the invitation to frequent Communion for adults and Communion for children at a tender

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age, for the preservation of innocence and good morals, the rejection of purely political considerations as a means of defending the clerical class, and of the inalienable rights of revealed truth and the freedom of souls. Beloved priests! The inner structure of the Church is a force that comes from the conviction of having to remain faithful to the mission entrusted to it by its divine Founder, without fear of appearing or being judged, at times, severe or too prudent. This Church, which needs no one, relies on all its children. As a divine institution, it represents the most secure and confident means imaginable for the salvation of man, but also, in the realm of human relations and in the pursuit of solutions to what concerns the daily sustenance, social peace, and collaboration among peoples. Keeping before our eyes the most luminous pages of history from all centuries, it can be rightly believed that the Ecumenical Council – for whose announcement we heard an inspiration, of whose spontaneity we felt, in the humility of our soul, a sudden and unexpected touch – is already preparing, within the intimacy of the episcopate and the priesthood, the good purpose of each cleric: a more ardent desire to expand the horizons of charity and to remain steadfast with clarity of thought and with greatness of heart. Let us pray and hope that the Council will first of all renew…

[*Latin ed. p. 380*]

380 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale: De concilio Apostolorum congregatorum in Hierusalem, post Ascensionem Jesu Christi ad Caelum: concordia sententiarum et orationum cum Petro, Pastore agnorum et ovinis: offerta virtutum quae renovantur, quae reficiuntur, ad investigandam illam viam quae optime respondere possit ad hodiernas necessitates apostolatus. Figura Sancti Pii X, qui etiam invocatur caelestis patronus Concilii Œcumenici, se distinguit ab eventis et circumstantiis quae, in temporibus suis, iudicia praecipitata et interessata gignunt, et magis suadentem facit vocationem ad non quaerere vias perversas ad salutem hominis et ad defensioem iurum eius, et ad non imaginari divagantes et faciles quae possint substituere illud quod radices suas in essentia ipsius institutionum solidarum habet, et quod valorem experientiae saecularis possidet. Nempe: in Oriente, approximationem primum, deinde reaggregationem, et tandem perfectam unionem tot fratrum separatorum cum Matre communi antiqua; et in Occidente, generosam collaborationem pastoralem duorum clerorum, sub oculis et directione Episcopi, qui est Pastor omnium ovinis.

III. SAPIENTIA HUMANA ET CHRISTIANA

Episodium Sancti Pii X – Nos ipsum vidimus – qui die coronationis suae contrarius apparuit acclamationibus multitudinis, indicativum est mentis et characteris eius. Ille amabat populum et compatiebat exuberantiis eius: postea, tamen, se ad illas facile accommodabat. Sed illa capita inclinata,

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illud gestum breve benedictionis, illa oculos lacrimis rubatos, illud risus quod tardabat ad venendum, manserunt in memoria eorum qui sortem habuerunt ad assistendum huic ceremoniae die 9 Augusti 1903, indicantes disciplinam interioris illius sacerdoti Veneti, cuius benignitas mox ab omnibus in suo exacto sensu comprehensus est. In omni, sacerdos debet ferre sensum moderationis, suavitatis, cordialis cortesia. Vos nos comprehenditis. Fideles non amant vos videre immersos in negotiis terrenis, quasi omnia solveretis intra spatium generationis unius: et non apprezzant sacerdotes qui se nimis calidi vel parziales ostendunt. Convenit scire omni loco et cum magna dignitate vestem talarem ferre, nobilem et distinctam: imago tunicarum Christi: *Christus sacerdotum tunica*, signum splendens vestis interiores gratiae. *In diebus iracundiae* se moderari est virtus magna, ut amici in vobis inveniant moderatores passionum etiam generosarum; et adversarii, si eos inveneritis, semper vos iudicent probos et probos. Filii carissimi! Mundus adhuc subest, semper subest, fascini...

[*Latin ed. p. 381*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 381, concerning goodness and holiness. You are witnesses to this during these days of the presence of Saint Pius X in Venice. Why does the people invoke this Saint? Why do they seek him? Why do they love him? The answer is easy. In him was the marvelous conjunction of those positive qualities that are proper and characteristic of each social class. Clear as are the children of the countryside; frank and robust as are the workers in our workshops; patient as are the men of the sea; measured as is the shepherd of the flock; noble and austere as are the descendants of the greatest families; affable and just as is a teacher, a magistrate; good and generous as are the Saints imagined and as they are. We all wish to insist on this pursuit and this love of human and Christian values, natural and supernatural. And we implore the Lord to make us always yearn more for this balance of energies and enthusiasms. The people will follow us, not to seek us, nor to stop with us, but to arrive with us at the encounter with Christ Jesus, who is "the pastor and bishop of our souls."

O Saint Pius, our glorious Patriarch and Pope, fearless and benign: always protect the clergy of Veneto, of whom you remain the most brilliant splendor and honor: protect all the clergy of Italy, all the Catholic clergy of the world. Support the resistance and the *gaudium de veritate* of hundreds and thousands of our brethren who, through persecution and oppression of the most sacred liberties, in vast and small regions, both near and far, are subjected to the most severe trials, which are the lamentation and weeping of the Church of the Lord. For many, the words of Jesus are being fulfilled: "In the world you will have tribulation." It is our sacred duty to carry in our hearts and in our prayers the daily remembrance of these suffering and deeply distressed brethren. Through your intercession, O our Pope Pius, may the words of Jesus be fulfilled again and always: "Be

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of good cheer, for I have overcome the world."

Fully confident that our words will find a ready and generous response from you, as a pledge of the most excellent heavenly graces and the powerful intercession of Saint Pius X, to you, our beloved children, and first of all to the Most Reverend Cardinal Patriarch of our beloved Venice, and to the Archbishops and Bishops present here, as well as to the entire diocesan and regular clergy and to the seminarians of the Three Venetia, we impart, with an outpouring of heart, the Apostolic Blessing.

Given at Rome, near Saint Peter's, on the 21st day of April, in the year 1959, the first year of our pontificate.

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References:

1 Peter 2:25.

John 16:33.

John 16:33.

[*Latin ed. p. 382*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentary 382. Official Acts of the Holy Congregations. SACRED CONSISTORIAL CONGREGATION, PARAHYBENSIAN - CAMPINENSIS. A GRAND DECREE CONCERNING THE ALTERATION OF DIOCESAN BOUNDARIES.

Having earnestly sought the spiritual good of the flock, the Most Reverend Fathers, Moses Coelho, Archbishop of Parahyba, and Octavius Aguiar, Bishop of Campina Grande, had petitioned the Apostolic See to separate the territory of the municipalities commonly called Aroeiras and Umbuzeiro from the Archdiocese of Parahyba and to annex it to the Diocese of Campina Grande.

This Sacred Consistorial Congregation, having received the favorable opinion of the Most Reverend Father Armand Lombardi, titular Archbishop of Caesarea Philippi and Apostolic Nuncio in the United States of Brazil, having considered that such a change would serve the salvation of souls, and by virtue of the special faculties granted to it by the Most Holy Pope John Divine Providence XXIII, deemed it fitting to grant the request. Therefore, with the consent of those who have an interest, or are presumed to have an interest, in this matter, the present Decree separates from the Archdiocese of Parahyba the entire territory of the aforementioned municipalities of Aroeiras and Umbuzeiro, as now defined by civil law, and permanently assigns it to the Diocese of Campina Grande, together with all its houses, goods, and ecclesiastical institutions, and pious foundations, so that, in this manner, either the Archdiocese of Parahyba or the Diocese of Campina Grande may be affected.

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All acts and documents pertaining to the aforementioned territory shall be transmitted from the archives of the Curia of Parahyba to the archives of the Curia of Campina Grande as soon as possible. With regard to the clergy, this Sacred Congregation decrees that, as soon as the present Decree is put into effect...

[*Latin ed. p. 383*]

The Sacred Consistorial Congregation, having considered the matter, decrees that priests legitimately holding a benefice or ecclesiastical office in the aforementioned territory, and clerics legitimately residing in the diocese of Campina Grande, shall remain incardinated therein. To accomplish all of these things, the same Sacred Congregation appoints the Most Reverend Father Armandus Lombardi, granting him the necessary and appropriate faculties, and also authorizing him to delegate any man constituted in ecclesiastical dignity, with the charge of submitting to the same Sacred Consistorial Congregation, as soon as it is permissible, a true copy of the act of execution completed. Concerning the matters above, this Consistorial Decree is promulgated as if it were issued under the Apostolic seal. Given at Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, on the 17th day of January, in the year 1959.

[Signatures: Cardinal Mimmi, Bishop of Sabina and Mondello, Secretary; Monsignor Ferretto, Archbishop titular of Serdica, Assistant; and others.]

DECREE CONCERNING THE CHANGE OF BOUNDARIES OF DIOCESES

The portion of territory, which in the County of Northumberland of the Dominion of Canada is commonly called Miramichi, and which includes either the region south of the parallel line of 47° 12′ 30″ or the civil territory of the Indian Mission of Burnt Church, belongs to the diocese of Bathurst in Canada.

Considering the circumstances and conditions that have arisen in this our time, and in order to better provide for the good of souls, the Most Reverend Camillus A. Le Blanc, Bishop of Bathurst in Canada, and Alfred B. Leverman, Bishop of St. John's in Canada, had recently petitioned the Apostolic See that the aforementioned entire portion of territory called Miramichi be separated from the diocese of Bathurst in Canada and united to the diocese of St. John's in Canada.

[*Latin ed. p. 384*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 384. This Sacred Consistorial Congregation, having considered the favorable opinion of His Excellency, the Most Reverend John Panico, titular Archbishop of Justiniana and Apostolic Delegate in the same Canadian jurisdiction, and exercising the

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special faculties granted to it by His Most Holy Father, Pope John, by the Divine Providence, XXIII, has benevolently decided to grant the requested petition. Therefore, with the understanding that the consent of those who are, or are presumed to be, interested in this matter has been obtained, the entire portion of territory mentioned above, commonly called Miramichi, is separated from the Diocese of Bathurst in Canada and permanently attached to the Diocese of Saint John in Canada, with the boundaries of both dioceses being altered accordingly, so that henceforth, the aforementioned territory, together with its churches, chapels, houses, properties, and pious foundations, may and should be considered to belong to the Diocese of Saint John in Canada. Furthermore, it is decreed that the clergy legitimately residing in the aforementioned territory shall, as soon as this present Decree is put into effect, be considered incardinated in the diocese within whose boundaries they legitimately reside; and also that all acts and documents pertaining to the clergy, the faithful, and the temporal goods of the same territory shall be transmitted from the Curia of Bathurst in Canada to the Curia of Saint John in Canada. To carry out all of these matters, the Sacred Consistorial Congregation appoints the aforementioned His Excellency, the Most Reverend John Panico, granting him the necessary and appropriate faculties, including the power to delegate, for the purpose in question, any person holding an ecclesiastical office, with the obligation of submitting to the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, as soon as possible, a certified copy of the act of execution. Concerning all of the above, the present Consistorial Decree shall be valid as if it had been issued with Apostolic Letters sealed with lead. Given in Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, on the 9th day of the month of February, in the year 1959.

[Signature]

† MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI, Bishop of Sabina and Mentana, Prefect of the Secretariate.

[Signature]

L. S.

† JOSEPH FERRETTO, Titular Archbishop of Serdica, Assistant.

[*Latin ed. p. 385*]

The Sacred Consistorial Congregation, 385, III, SINALOENSIS (CULIACANENSIS), DECREE CONCERNING THE CHANGE OF NAME OF THE DIOCESE. Whereas, by Apostolic Letters sealed with the papal seal, entitled "Qui hominum," dated the twenty-second day of the month of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, the Diocese of Sinaloa was divided into two parts, and to one part the name of the Diocese of Mazatlán was assigned, from the town commonly called Mazatlán, while the other part retained the old name of Sinaloa, which

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is proper to the entire state or civil province, in order that no confusion might arise, it has been deemed fitting to change the title of this diocese. Therefore, the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, by virtue of the special faculties granted to it by His Most Holy Father, Pope John, by the Divine Providence, XXIII, upon the request of the Ordinary of Sinaloa, and with the favorable vote of His Excellency, Aloisi Raimondi, titular Archbishop of Tarsus, Apostolic Delegate for the Mexican Mission, has decided and decreed that the aforementioned Diocese of Sinaloa shall henceforth be called the "Diocese of Culiacán," as is customary, and that its Ordinary shall also be called "Culiacán." Concerning the matters above, the present Consistorial Decree shall be valid as if Apostolic Letters sealed with the papal seal had been issued. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions. Given in Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, on the sixteenth day of the month of February, in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine. [Signature] MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI, Bishop of Sabina and Mandela, Prefect of the Secretariat. [Signature] L. S. Joseph Ferretto, titular Archbishop of Serdica, Assistant. IV. DECREE OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF NAPLES CONCERNING HIS JURISDICTION OVER CHURCHES AND MONASTERIES EXEMPTED FROM IT. For several years, the Apostolic See, due to particular circumstances of affairs and times, has considered it opportune to remove from the ordinary and direct jurisdiction of the Archbishop and to place them directly under the See.

[*Latin ed. p. 386*]

386 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary concerning certain churches and monasteries located in the city of Naples, and concerning their governance and administration by a certain ecclesiastical person, endowed with the name and office of Apostolic Delegate: namely, the churches of St. James of the Spaniards, of Jesus and Mary, of St. Michael near the Nile, and that which is called "of the Pilgrims"; and the monastery with its attached church "of the Iscarions," and the house, formerly a monastery, with its attached church of St. Mary of Egypt. Now, since the aforementioned Cardinal, formerly Archbishop of Naples and the last Apostolic Delegate of these churches and monasteries, having been relieved of his office as Secretary of the Sacred Consistory, returned to the City, and since the particular circumstances, as mentioned above, still persist, the Most Holy Pope John, by Divine Providence, Pope XXIII, decided and decreed to entrust the same office of Apostolic Delegate to the Most Reverend Cardinal Alfonso Castaldo, of the Sacred Roman Church, the present Archbishop of Naples. Therefore, by this Consistory Decree, the Most Reverend Cardinal Alfonso Castaldo, Archbishop of Naples, is chosen and appointed as Apostolic Delegate for the churches of St. James of the Spaniards, of Jesus and Mary, of St. Michael near the Nile, and for that which is called "of the Pilgrims"; as well as for the

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monastery with its attached church "of the Iscarions," and for the house, formerly a monastery, with its attached church of St. Mary of Egypt, which churches, monastery, and house are located in the city of Naples, with all the rights, faculties, and privileges proper to this office. All contrary things notwithstanding. Given in Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory, on the 28th of February, in the year 1959. [Signature] Cardinal Marcellus Mimmi, Bishop of Sabina and Monden, Secretary. [Signature] L. S. Joseph Ferretto, Archbishop ad honorem of Serdica, Assistant. V. NOMINATION By Decree dated the 21st of February of the year 1959, the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory nominated His Eminence, Cardinal Franz König, Archbishop of Vienna, as Military Vicar for the Republic of Austria.

[*Latin ed. p. 387*]

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SACRED CONGREGATION OF RITES

CONCERNING THE BEATIFICATION AND CANONIZATION OF THE VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD, HELENA GUERRA, FOUNDRESS OF THE INSTITUTE OF THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, COMMONLY CALLED THE SISTERS OF ST. ZITA.

ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER, WITH THE APPROVAL OF HER VIRTUES AND TWO MIRACLES, IT IS SAFE TO PROCEED TO THE SOLEMN BEATIFICATION OF SAID VENERABLE WOMAN.

What could be sweeter and more pleasing, while we, as Christians, offer praise to the Paschal Victim these days, than to refresh our minds with the memory of those who, almost before our very eyes, after having lived a commendable life, departed this world with the praise and renown of holiness. Among these servants of God, the Venerable Helena Guerra is to be counted, who is worthy to be adorned with the honors of the Blessed in Heaven by the Church. The principal features of her life are as follows:

Born in Lucca, in Etruria, on June 23, 1835, to parents who were commended both for their good fortune and for their Christian piety, from her tenderest years she showed a love for religion and for God, and she excelled in her zeal for the salvation of souls. Endowed with a keen intellect, she made progress in her studies easily and pleasantly. Still young, she founded a society called the Spiritual Friends, with the double purpose of the sanctification of each member and of their neighbors. Responding with a generous spirit to the Divine Spouse and Master who called her to religious perfection, on November 4, 1882, she founded the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Spirit, to which she gave the heavenly patroness, the

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Blessed Virgin of Lucca, St. Zita. To this Congregation, besides the Christian upbringing and education of girls, as a primary purpose, she dedicated herself to the propagation of the worship of the Holy Spirit. She wrote and published numerous books and pamphlets, not only on literary subjects, but especially on religion, suitable for fostering piety in all people. She spared no expense or effort in the work of spreading the faith. The Servant of God was not without her trials, crosses, and persecutions.

[*Latin ed. p. 388*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 388, which she endured for the love of the Crucified, with a humble and steadfast spirit. Finally, on April 11th of the year 1914, she peacefully fell asleep in the kiss of the Lord. Upon hearing the news of her death, the entire city of Lucca proclaimed with one voice: "The Saint has died." The fame of her sanctity, with which she had been honored in life, increased even more after her death. Therefore, it was considered to grant her the honors of the altar, and for this purpose, the ordinary processes, which are customary, were prepared in the ecclesiastical court of Lucca during the years 1930-1932 and transmitted to Rome. After carefully examining the writings dedicated to her, the Sacred Congregation of Rites decreed on May 21st of the year 1935 that further proceedings could be initiated, and Pope Pius XI personally signed the commission for the introduction of the cause on May 5th of the year 1936. After all that was necessary in such a judgment had been considered, the discussion began regarding the virtues, both theological and cardinal, of the Servant of God, which, after intense investigations, proofs, and three legally prescribed assemblies, the Supreme Pontiff Pius XII decreed on June 26th of the year 1953 that they had attained the heroic degree. The question was then raised regarding two miracles which, through the intercession of the Venerable Helena Guerra, were said to have been granted by God, and concerning these, His Holiness Pope John XXIII, with a decree issued on March 11th of this year, declared that they were established. One further inquiry, as prescribed by law, remained, so that the entire Sacred Congregation of Rites would testify whether all that was required by law had been observed. Hence, the following question was proposed: Whether, with the approval of the virtues and the two miracles, it was permissible to proceed to the solemn beatification of the Venerable Servant of God Helena Guerra. To this question, all, both the Cardinals entrusted with safeguarding the sacred rites, and the official prelates and consultor fathers, gave their favorable opinion in writing. The Most Blessed Father, gladly receiving this vote, postponed issuing a judgment, so that, in the meantime, through fervent prayers offered to God, he might obtain a greater abundance of heavenly light for rendering that judgment. Finally, on April 19th of this year, after the Holy Eucharist had been piously celebrated, His Holiness ratified and confirmed the judgment of the Sacred Congregation of Rites,

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decreeing that it was permissible to proceed to the solemn beatification of the Venerable Servant of God Helena Guerra. This decree was to be duly promulgated, recorded in the acts of the same Sacred Congregation of Rites, and Apostolic Letters were to be written under the Fisherman's ring regarding the solemnities of the beatification to be celebrated whenever they might be held in the patriarchal Basilica of Saint Peter. Given in Rome, on April 19th, in the year of Our Lord 1959. C. Card. CICOGNANI, Prefect. S. Henricus Dante, Prosecretary.

[*Latin ed. p. 389*]

To the Sacred Congregation of Rites, 389, II. Concerning the Beatification and Canonization of the Venerable Servant of God, Mary Margaret Dufrost de Lajemmerais, Widow of Youville, Foundress and First General Mother of the Congregation of Sisters of Charity. Regarding the Doubt: Whether, with the approval of her virtues and two miracles, it is safe to proceed with the beatification of the aforementioned Venerable Servant of God. The examples of blessed women, who have lived with great merit in the threefold state of virgins, widows, and religious, clearly demonstrate, as the Apostle Paul teaches (1 Timothy 4:8), that piety is useful for all things. Therefore, the Venerable Servant of God, Mary Margaret Dufrost de Lajemmerais, Widow of Youville, rightly deserves to have her name considered for the honors of the blessed, and it appears that Divine Providence has reserved this for the present year, under the pontificate of Pope John XXIII. This Servant of God was born in the town of Canada, commonly called Varennes, on October 15, 1701. She was orphaned by the death of her father when she was only seven years old, and was therefore afflicted by grief, distress, and hardships. With the help of benefactors, she spent two years in a college run by the Ursuline Sisters, where she attended the first class and received the sacred chrism. For twelve years, she devoted herself to domestic tasks and to the education of her younger siblings, since her mother had entered into a second marriage. She flourished in piety and other virtues, and also in the qualities of mind and body, and in 1722, she married Francis d'Youville. However, her conjugal life was full of bitterness, as her husband, having dissipated all family affairs, died unexpectedly after only eight years, leaving her with two children and debts to pay. After the death of her husband, Mary Margaret increased in piety, and she consulted the best interests of her children through even the most humble labors, and through her prayers, she aided them in their vocation to the priesthood. She wonderfully practiced works of charity towards the poor, the sick, the captives, and the needy. She first associated three companions with her, and then others, and she received the poor into her home. She was afflicted by many calumnies and insults, hardships, and deprivations, which she always bravely endured. Finally, weakened by labors and infirmity, and endowed with outstanding virtues and merits, and strengthened by the

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consolations of the dying, she peacefully departed this life in the Lord on December 23, 1771, at the age of seventy.

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The fame of her sanctity, however, was growing daily, and God saw fit to confirm it with heavenly signs. Therefore, the cause for granting the blessed celestial honors was begun, and after proceedings conducted with due authority, a commission for the introduction of the cause was established by Pope Leo XIII on April 28, 1890, within the Sacred Congregation of Rites. Subsequently, after Apostolic investigations were completed, a discussion was held regarding the theological and cardinal virtues of this Servant of God; and, after careful consideration by three committees in accordance with the law, and after all expenses and observations were taken into account, Pope Pius XII, of blessed memory, decreed on May 3, 1955, that she was to be venerated as a heroine in the manner befitting her. Afterward, the question of miracles, which were said to have been granted by God through her intercession, was examined, and all matters were carefully investigated in the customary manner. On March 11 of the present year, the Most Holy Father, John XXIII, declared that there were two such miracles. Since the law requires four miracles in causes where the virtues of the Servants of God, although splendid, do not have direct proof, the promoters obtained a dispensation from canon 2117 of the Code of Canon Law, by decree of May 30, 1958, considering the special circumstances of this cause, to present a third and fourth miracle. Therefore, according to the statutes of this Sacred Forum, only one miracle remained to be investigated in order to grant the venerable woman the celestial honors, namely: "Whether, with the approval of her virtues and two miracles, it is possible to proceed safely to the solemn beatification of this venerable woman." This was affirmed by all votes, both by the Cardinals entrusted with safeguarding the sacred rites, and by the Official Prelates and Consultor Fathers. The Most Blessed Father, considering the importance of the matter, sought to open his mind to receive a greater measure of heavenly assistance, and, through fervent prayers offered to God, obtained it. Today, after the Sacred Congregation had diligently deliberated, the Most Holy Father ratified and confirmed the vote of the Sacred Congregation of Rites with his supreme authority. This decree was ordered to be duly promulgated and recorded in the acts of the same Sacred Congregation, and Apostolic Letters were ordered to be written under the Fisherman's ring concerning the solemn beatification of the Venerable Maria Margarita Dufrost de Lajemmerais, widow of Youville, to be celebrated whenever desired in the patriarchal Basilica of the Vatican. Given in Rome, on April 19, in the year of Our Lord 1959. C. Card. CICOGNANI, Prefect. L. R.B. S. Henricus Dante, Prosecre-

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DIARIUM ROMANAE CURIAE

Mercoledì, 22 aprile 1959, il Santo Padre ha ricevuto in udienza Sua Maestà la Regina Madre ELISABETTA d'Inghilterra e Sua Altezza Reale la Principessa MARGARET.

Giovedì, 30 aprile 1959, il Santo Padre ha ricevuto in udienza Sua Maestà il Re HUSSEIN I di Giordania.

Mercoledì, 6 maggio 1959, il Santo Padre ha ricevuto in solenne udienza Sua Eccellenza GIOVANNI GRONCHI, Presidente della Repubblica d'Italia, accompagnato da Sua Eccellenza Giuseppe Pella, Ministro Segretario di Stato per gli Affari Esteri.

Martedì, 12 maggio 1959, il Santo Padre ha ricevuto in solenne udienza Sua Eccellenza il Dott. EDGARD SANABRIA, Ambasciatore Straordinario e Plenipotenziario della Repubblica del Venezuela, per la presentazione delle Lettere Credenziali.

Giovedì, 14 maggio 1959, il Santo Padre ha ricevuto in solenne udienza Sua Eccellenza il Dott. SOEKARNO, Presidente della Repubblica di Indonesia.

SEGRETERIA DI STATO

NOMINE

Con Biglietti della Segreteria di Stato, il Santo Padre Pio XII, di veneranda memoria, si degnò di nominare:

Protonotari Apostolici ad instar participantium:

5 agosto 1958. Monsig. Gieringer Paolo A., della diocesi di Columbus.

11 settembre. Monsig. Sheridan Bernardo, dell'arcidiocesi di Indianapolis.

[*Latin ed. p. 392*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 392 Domestic Prelates of His Holiness: 5 August 11, 1958. Monsignor Schmenk Gilberto, of the diocese of Columbus. Monsignor Cassidy Francis P., of the archdiocese of Hartford. Monsignor Struck Henry C, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Teulings Cornelius, of the same archdiocese. September 9. Monsignor Wilson James A., of the archdiocese of New York. Monsignor Forbes Eugene A., of the diocese of Saginaw. Monsignor Kaufmann Francis W., of the same diocese. Monsignor Skowronski Casimir T., of the same diocese. September 11. Monsignor Conrad Francis Louis, of the diocese

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of Harrisburg. Monsignor Park Charles Edward, of the same diocese. Monsignor Petrovits Joseph Julius Charles, of the same diocese. Monsignor Zajac Stephen Charles, of the same diocese. Monsignor Bockhold Edward, of the archdiocese of Indianapolis. Monsignor Goossens Victor L., of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Hermann Henry J., of the same archdiocese. September 17. Monsignor Grosser Elmer J., of the diocese of Covington. Monsignor Lubrecht Joseph A., of the same diocese. Monsignor Mielech Francis E., of the same diocese. Monsignor Poole Oscar L., of the same diocese. Monsignor Ryan Paul E., of the same diocese. Monsignor Schüler John F., of the same diocese. Monsignor Walsh John J., of the same diocese. September 24. Monsignor St. Onge Paul J., of the diocese of Norwich. With tickets from the Secretariat of State, the Most Holy Father John XXIII, reigning happily, deigned to appoint: April 17, May 2, 1959. The Most Eminent and Reverend Lords Cardinals Rufini Ernest and Fietta Joseph, Members of the Sacred Congregation for the Eastern Churches. The Most Illustrious and Reverend Monsignors Pasquazi Joseph, Felici Pericle, Filipiak Boleslaus, Pinna John Mary, Veneziani Charles Mary, Consultors of the Sacred Congregation of the Council. The Reverend Fathers Berutti Christopher, of the Order of the Friars Preachers; Cefaloni Louis, of the Order of the Friars Minor Conventual; Filiberto of Racconigi, of the Order of the Friars Minor Capuchin; Testore Celestine, of the Society of Jesus; Gutiérrez Anastasius, of the Claretians; and the Reverend Don del Portillo Alvaro, of Opus Dei, Consultors of the Sacred Congregation of the Council.

[*Latin ed. p. 393*]

From the *Diarium Romanae Curiae*, No. 393, May 14, 1959. The Most Reverend and Eminent Cardinal Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Member of the Sacred Congregation for the Discipline of the Sacraments. Furthermore, with the authorization of the Secretary of State, the Most Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, may he reign happily, has deigned to appoint:

Assistants to the Pontifical Throne:

November 14, 1958.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Monsignor Guglielmo T. Porter, Archbishop of Cape Coast.

January 16, 1959.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Monsignor Paolo Mazé, titular Bishop of Ascalon.

February 6.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Monsignor Cesario D'Amato, titular Bishop of Sebaste of Cilicia, Abbot *nullius* of Saint Paul Outside the Walls.

February 6.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Monsignor Raffaele De Giuli, Bishop of Albenga.

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Protonotaries Apostolic, *ad instar participantium*:
December 17, 1958.
Monsignor Giovanni Cartwright, of the Archdiocese of Washington.
February 6, 1959.
Monsignor Paolo Igino Cecchetti, of the Archdiocese of Fermo.
Monsignor Giuseppe Bonfiglioli, of the Diocese of Luni.
Monsignor Domenico Galletti, of the Diocese of Civitavecchia.
Monsignor Pietro Gallina, of the Diocese of Faenza.
Monsignor Carlo Maria Veneziani, of the Diocese of Piacenza.
Monsignor Alfonso Fortin, of the Diocese of Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière.
Domestic Prelates of His Holiness:
November 13, 1958.
Monsignor Giuseppe Gullotta, of the Archdiocese of Catania.
Monsignor Baudelio Pelayo Brambila, of the Diocese of Ciudad Juárez.
Monsignor William Casey, of the Diocese of Harbour Grace-Grand Falls.
December 4.
Monsignor Agostino Queirolo, of the Diocese of Novara.
December 11.
Monsignor Charles Anthony Tindall, of the Diocese of Leeds.
December 12.
Monsignor Felice Costantini, of the Diocese of Civita Castellana.
Monsignor Goffredo Mariani, of the same Diocese.
Monsignor Alberto Piermattei (Rome).
December 17.
Monsignor Armando Abel, of the Diocese of Saint John of Quebec.
Monsignor Lorenzo Brault, of the same Diocese.
Monsignor Bernard Courville, of the same Diocese.
Monsignor Orfeo Thouin, of the same Diocese.
Monsignor Russell E. Phelan, of the Archdiocese of Washington.
Monsignor James E. Cowhig, of the same Archdiocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 394*]

394 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale, December 17, 1958. Most Reverend Arthur Edward B., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend John B. Boeder, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend George L. Gingras, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Henry D. Collins, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Casimir P. Losinski, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Joseph J. Deppe, of the same Archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Charles F. Hess, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Walter L. Bead, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend James F. King, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend William F. Stricker, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend William Joyce Bussell, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend James A. Caulfield, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend James H. Brooks, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend William H. Hoffman, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Thomas B. Dade, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Lawrence P. Gatti, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Charles L. Boehmer, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Charles R. Boach, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend James M. Campbell, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Paul Furfey Hanly, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Joseph B. McAllister, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend J. Maurice King, of the same Archdiocese.

January 3, 1959. Most Reverend Marcello Gardié, of the Archdiocese of Bordeaux.

Most Reverend Olivier Laroza, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend James Traverse, of the same Archdiocese.

December 14. Most Reverend Marco de Ussía y Urruticoechea, of the Diocese of Vitoria.

December 16. Most Reverend Antonio D'Erchia, of the Diocese of Castellaneta.

Most Reverend Martino Petrucci, of the Diocese of Todi.

Most Reverend Bruno Heim, of the Dioceses of Basel and Lugano.

December 20. Most Reverend Michele Capano, of the Archdiocese of Naples.

Most Reverend Giovanni Gnarro, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Salvatore Sorrentino, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Enrico Conte, of the Diocese of Pozzuoli.

Most Reverend Michele Maddaluno, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Basil Filewych, of the Diocese of Toronto.

Most Reverend Peter Kameneckyi, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend George Papp, of the same Diocese.

December 21. Most Reverend Mose Moisan, of the Archdiocese of Sherbrooke.

December 26. Most Reverend David Petit, of the Diocese of St. Hyacinthe.

Most Reverend Carlos Bermudez Ortega, of the Archdiocese of Bogotá.

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Most Reverend Arturo Franco Arango, of the same Archdiocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 395*]

Diarium Romanae Curiae 395 Ci 30 Januarii 1959. Reverendissimus Dominus Bestrepo Posada Giuseppe, ex eadem archidioecesi. Reverendissimus Dominus Oasnici Virgilio, ex dioecesi Brixiae.

Reverendissimus Dominus Cavalieri Giuseppe, ex eadem dioecesi. Reverendissimus Dominus Galli Battista, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Pietrobelli Angelo, ex eadem dioecesi. Reverendissimus Dominus Rossini Giuseppe, ex eadem dioecesi. Reverendissimus Dominus Tommasoni Stefano, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Van Den Eerenbeemt Lorenzo, ex dioecesi suburbicaria Portuensi et Sancti Rufinae, die 1 Februarii. Reverendissimus Dominus Richetti Dino, ex dioecesi La Speziae.

Reverendissimus Dominus D'Eschambault Antonio, ex archidioecesi Sancti Bonifactii.

Reverendissimus Dominus Russo Cosimo, ex archidioecesi Tarantae. Reverendissimus Dominus Hawkins Walter, ex dioecesi Hamiltonensis.

Reverendissimus Dominus Cannella Giuseppe, ex archidioecesi Monrealesi. Reverendissimus Dominus Spalding Giuseppe, ex dioecesi Owensboroensis. Reverendissimus Dominus Russell Edoardo, ex eadem dioecesi. Reverendissimus Dominus Thompson Alberto, ex eadem dioecesi. Reverendissimus Dominus Henninger Gilberto, ex eadem dioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Cioffi Antonio, ex archidioecesi Sorrentana. Reverendissimus Dominus Massa Salvatore, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Morvillo Carlo, ex eadem archidioecesi. Reverendissimus Dominus Poletti Vincenzo, ex dioecesi Faentina.

Reverendissimus Dominus Tos Vittorio, ex dioecesi Ivrensi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Leonetti Antonio, ex archidioecesi Neapolitana. Reverendissimus Dominus Verrusio Alberto, ex eadem archidioecesi. Reverendissimus Dominus Zama Antonio, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Reverendissimus Dominus Franca Elio, ex dioecesi Pesarensi. Reverendissimus Dominus Dionisalvi Michele, ex dioecesi Sancti Marci et Bisignanae.

Reverendissimus Dominus Savaglia Giuseppe, ex eadem dioecesi. Reverendissimus Dominus Tiesi Giovanni, ex eadem dioecesi. Reverendissimus Dominus Mastrangelo Giuseppe, ex dioecesi Tridentina. Reverendissimus Dominus Mojoli Giuseppe, ex dioecesi Bergomensi.

6 Martii. Reverendissimus Dominus Benincasa Pio, ex dioecesi Buffalensi. Reverendissimus Dominus Bocchini Bernardino (Romae). Reverendissimus Dominus Capoferri Salvatore (Romae).

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Reverendissimus Dominus Cocchetti Orazio (Romae). Reverendissimus Dominus Terziariol Adone (Romae).

Reverendissimus Dominus Diament Giuseppe, ex dioecesi Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière. Reverendissimus Dominus Piovesana Luigi, ex dioecesi Trevisana.

Reverendissimus Dominus D'Onorio di Meo Luca, ex archidioecesi Gaetana.

Reverendissimus Dominus Gaseo Giorgio, ex dioecesi Mondoviae.

20. Camerarii Secreti Supernumerarii Sanctitatis: 13 Novembris 1958. Reverendissimus Dominus Wamala Bartolomeo, ex dioecesi Mbararae. Reverendissimus Dominus Foucart Henricus, ex archidioecesi Parisiensi.

[*Latin ed. p. 396*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 396, November 13, 1958.

Most Reverend Gillet Leone, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Lieutier Paul, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Maldaner Bruno, of the Archdiocese of Porto Alegre.

November 20, 1958.

Most Reverend Jeannerat Othmar, of the Diocese of Basel and Lugano.

Most Reverend Antunes Correia Mario, of the Patriarchate of Lisbon.

December 12, 1958.

Most Reverend Vannucci Antonio, of the Diocese of Nepi and Sutri.

Most Reverend Lyons Thomas W., of the Archdiocese of Washington.

Most Reverend Awalt William J., of the same Archdiocese.

December 17, 1958.

Most Reverend Christopher Martino W., of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Corbett Dennis J., of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Herrmann Edward J., of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Coyne Joseph B., of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Coady Leo J., of the same Archdiocese.

January 7, 1959.

Most Reverend Alves Motta Joseph, of the Archdiocese of São Paulo of Brazil.

Most Reverend Campos Gusso Enzo, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Ribeiro Nickelsburg Victor, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Ulhôa Vieira Benedict, of the same Archdiocese.

January 14, 1959.

January 16, 1959.

January 17, 1959.

January 20, 1959.

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January 21, 1959.

January 29, 1959.

February 1, 1959.

Most Reverend Miliauskas Casimir, of the Diocese of Santo André.

Most Reverend Marchetta Benedict, of the Diocese of Agrigento.

Most Reverend Melli Raphael, of the Diocese of Lecce.

Most Reverend Brugo Charles, of the Diocese of Novara.

Most Reverend Giacomini Jerome, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Mitta Tranquil, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Verdelli John Baptist, of the Diocese of Bergamo.

Most Reverend D'Orazio Laerte, of the Diocese of Ascoli Piceno.

Most Reverend Pelletti Robert, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Imbò Ignatius Salvatore, of the Archdiocese of Naples.

Most Reverend Ferrarazzo Lawrence, of the Diocese of Tortona.

Most Reverend Chagnon Peter Emilio, of the Diocese of St. Hyacinthe.

Most Reverend Moffa Salvatore, of the Archdiocese of Benevento.

Most Reverend Laboa Sebastian, of the Diocese of San Sebastiano.

Most Reverend Bosa Joseph, of the Patriarchate of Venice.

Most Reverend Gottardi Alexander, of the same Patriarchate.

Most Reverend Marcato John, of the same Patriarchate.

Most Reverend Marchesan Felix, of the same Patriarchate.

[*Latin ed. p. 397*]

From the "Diarium Romanae Curiae," No. 397, February 1959:

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe Marchetti, of the same patriarchate.

Most Reverend Monsignor Umberto Mezzaroba, of the same patriarchate.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe Pasquini, of the same patriarchate.

Most Reverend Monsignor Amedeo Poloni, of the same patriarchate.

Most Reverend Monsignor Antonio Poloni, of the same patriarchate.

Most Reverend Monsignor Ilario Quintarelli, of the same patriarchate.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe Scarpa, of the same patriarchate.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni Schiavon, of the same patriarchate.

Most Reverend Monsignor Luigi Semenzaio, of the same patriarchate.

Most Reverend Monsignor Gino Spavento, of the same patriarchate.

Most Reverend Monsignor Marco Tessaro, of the same patriarchate.

Most Reverend Monsignor Valentino Vecchi, of the same patriarchate.

Most Reverend Monsignor Attilio Vianello, of the same patriarchate.

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Most Reverend Monsignor Luigi Vio, of the same patriarchate.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni Zaniol, of the same patriarchate.

Most Reverend Monsignor Eugenio Muffo, of the Archdiocese of Chieti.

Most Reverend Monsignor Mario Berardi, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Andrea La Verghetta, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Gaetano Magno, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Nicola Falcucci, of the Diocese of Vasto.

Most Reverend Monsignor Tommaso Vulcano, of the Archdiocese of Rossano.

Most Reverend Monsignor Ferruccio Locco, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Antonio Tridico, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Ciro Santoro, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Salvatore Lovecchio, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe Rolandino, of the Diocese of Tortona.

Most Reverend Monsignor Ezio Riccardi, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Amilcare Boccio, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Augusto Bianchi, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Alessandro De Tommasi, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Carlo Milanesi, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Carlo Chiesa, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Camillo Leidi, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe Ferreri, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Carlo Codevilla, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Alessandro Ghezzi, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni Andreini, of the Diocese of Treviso.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe Barbiero, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Guglielmo Cagnin, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni Citton, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni D'Alessi, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Antonio Dal Colle, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Eugenio Durigon, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni Rossetto, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Luigi Sartori, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giac. Francesco Soligo, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Francesco Catullo, of the Diocese of Trivento.

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Most Reverend Monsignor Bertrando Gianico, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe Majorino, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Nicola Marinelli, of the same Diocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 398*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 398, February 6th to March 20th, 1959.

Most Reverend Monsignor Rolla Luigi, of the diocese of Brugnato.

Most Reverend Monsignor Lozza Lino (Rome).

Most Reverend Monsignor Baldoni Bernardo, of the archdiocese of Ancona.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giacconi Giulio, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Hill Raimondo, of the diocese of Owensboro.

Most Reverend Monsignor Sessa Francesco Saverio, of the archdiocese of Sorrento.

Most Reverend Monsignor Astorri Angelo, of the diocese of Piacenza.

Most Reverend Monsignor Semproni Domenico (Rome).

Most Reverend Monsignor Cesareo Antonio, of the diocese of Anglona-Tursi.

Most Reverend Monsignor Costa Pietro, of the diocese of Faenza.

Most Reverend Monsignor Gualdrini Franco, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Ferretti Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Ferretti Walter, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Geminiani Giovanni, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Lanzoni Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Liverzani Luigi, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Lucchesi Giovanni, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Melandri Angelo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Vantangoli Mario, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Tazzari Luigi, of the suburbicarian diocese of Porto and St. Rufina.

Most Reverend Monsignor Amoroso Francesco, of the diocese of S. Marco and Bisignano.

Most Reverend Monsignor Scarfoglio Ernesto, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Buono Francesco, of the diocese of Cava and Sarno.

Most Reverend Monsignor Langella Rocco, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Quadrino Cesare, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Malki Boutros Zaccaria, of the Patriarchate of Antioch of the Syrians.

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Most Reverend Monsignor Mansourati Hanna Ignazio, of the same Patriarchate.

Most Reverend Monsignor Canal Alberto, of the archdiocese of Trento.

Most Reverend Monsignor Coppa Giovanni, of the diocese of Alba.

Most Reverend Monsignor Farano Vincenzo, of the archdiocese of Trani.

Most Reverend Monsignor Stendardi Eraclio, of the diocese of Montefiascone.

Extraordinary Secret Chamberlains of the Sword and Cape of His Holiness:

November 11th, 1958.

The Marquess Durazzo Giuseppe Maria, of the archdiocese of Genoa.

Mr. Foroni Lo Faro Anselmo, of the same archdiocese.

November 14th.

The Count Capelle Roberto, of the diocese of Namur.

Mr. Wesmael Adolfo, of the same diocese.

November 18th.

Mr. Capece Minutólo dei Duchi di San Valentino Gennaro, of the archdiocese of Naples.

November 19th.

Mr. Giansanti Coluzzi Antonio, of the diocese of Lausanne.

November 25th.

Mr. Pye Giovanni Bruce, of the archdiocese of Sydney.

[*Latin ed. p. 399*]

Diarium Romanae Curiae 39, 25 Novembris 1958. Dominus d'Estiennes d'Orves Agostinus, ex dioecesi Mzza.

2 Decembris: Dominus Lavergnolle Ioannes, ex dioecesi Limoges.

3: Dominus Capelletti Rudolphus, ex dioecesi Rieti.

21: Dominus Masciarelli Vincentius, ex archidioecesi Neapoli.

25: Dominus Hart Lucas Eduardus, ex archidioecesi Sancti Ludovici.

10 Ianuarii 1959: Dominus Romero de Juseu y Lerroux Iosephus, ex dioecesi Madrid.

12: Dominus Lucchesi Palli Dux de la Grazia Robertus, ex dioecesi Veronae.

30: Dominus Brusati Ludovicus, ex archidioecesi Mediolani.

25 Martii: Dominus Doyle Michael P., ex archidioecesi Philadelphiae.

Camerarii Honoris in habitu paonaceo Sanctitatis:

14 Ianuarii 1959: Dom. Guido Iosephus, ex archidioecesi Genuae.

Dom. Ferrari Gabriel (Roma).

16: Dom. Sisea Dominicus, ex archidioecesi Sanctae Severinae.

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2 Februarii: Dom. Della Rovere Riccardus, ex archidioecesi Udinae.

Camerarii Honoris supranumerarii cum Spatha et Cappa Sanctitatis:

7 Novembris 1958: Dominus Warland Ernestus, ex dioecesi Brugensis.

14: Dominus Ostiguy Paulus Emilius, ex archidioecesi Montis Regalis.

15: Dominus Cousin Henricus, ex archidioecesi Besanconensis.

Dominus Gleijeses Mastelloni Renatus, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Dominus Jervolino Angelus Raphael, ex eadem archidioecesi.

20: Dominus Poscetti Franciscus Xaverius (Roma).

2 Decembris: Dominus Parisi Franciscus Xaverius (Roma).

10: Dominus Leonardi Leopoldus (Roma).

22: Dominus de Carli Ferruccius (Roma).

HONORES:

Per Brevia Apostolica, Sanctissimus Pater Ioannes XXIII, feliciter regnans, dignatus est conferre:

Ordinem Supremum Christi:

29 Aprilis 1959, ad S. E. Dominum Gronchi Ioannem, Praesidem Republicae Italiae.

Collarem Ordinis Pius:

14 Maii 1959, ad S. E. Doctorem Soekarno, Praesidem Republicae Indonesiae.

[*Latin ed. p. 400*]

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NECROLOGIO

2, 18, 19 aprilis » » 1959.

Dom. Nicolaus Czarneckyj, Episcopus titularis Lebedensis.

Dom. Moisés Coelho, Archiepiscopus Paraibensis.

Dom. Andreas Sorin, Episcopus titularis Antifrensis, Apostolicus Administrator Port Moresbyensis.

26 » » Dom. Iosephus P. Donahue, Episcopus titularis Emmausensis.

30 » » Dom. Eduardus Ranaivo, Episcopus Miarinarivensis.

4 maii

Eminentiss. D. Georgius Grente, Cardinalis titularis Sancti Bernardi ad Thermas, Archiepiscopus-Episcopus Le Mansensis.

7 » » Eminentiss. D. Crisantus Luque, Cardinalis titularis Sanctorum Cosmae et Damiani, Archiepiscopus Bogotensis, Apostolicus Militaris pro Columbia.

[*Latin ed. p. 401*]

Volume and Year LI, June 22, 1959 (Series III, Volume I) - No. 8. ACTA APPOSTOLICAE SEDIS, Official Commentary. ACTS OF POPE

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JOHN XXIII. WITH PAPAL MOTU PROPRIO, THE PONTIFICIAL ATHEANEUM OF THE LATERAN IS BESTOWED WITH THE TITLE AND HONOR OF A UNIVERSITY.

JOHN PP. XXIII. Since, from the very bloom of our years, numerous bonds of connection have existed between Us and that illustrious center of studies, where We have pursued sacred studies and have fulfilled the office of teacher, it is natural, and indeed, it is pleasing to the heart, to embrace the Pontifical Athenaeum of the Lateran with the greatest goodwill. With this benevolence – of which We have wished to offer a singular testimony at the very beginning of Our pontificate, when We graced the Athenaeum with Our presence and with encouraging words – We are all the more drawn to the Chair of Peter, inasmuch as We feel ourselves bound to it by bonds that are almost sacred, for there the clergy of this venerable City have their home for studies, where they may receive sound doctrine and a worthy cultivation of the mind, through careful instruction. Therefore, in order that the memory of this benefit be preserved, and for the good and honor of the Roman See, We must, with all our effort, support and promote that Institute, which, indeed, the sanctity of the place, the merits for the increase of sacred doctrine, and the unwavering fidelity towards the Apostolic See, have always recommended.

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[*Latin ed. p. 402*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 402. We are not unaware of the diligent efforts made by Our Predecessors in this undertaking, especially the new and most magnificent basilica constructed at the Lateran from the very earth, as well as the various institutions that have subsequently been established there: we speak of the Pastoral Institute and the Institute named "Jesus the Teacher," recently founded by Our Predecessor, Pope Pius XII of blessed memory, and also the Pontifical Roman Theological Academy, wisely restored by the same Pius XII. All of these have undoubtedly contributed to the increasing growth of the Lateran Athenaeum. Nevertheless, Our particular love for such centers of learning compels Us to undertake something further, so that its dignity may be more fully promoted. Indeed, We know perfectly well that the name hitherto used for the Lateran Athenaeum is not entirely adequate to the functions and duties that are demanded of it, and which it admirably and laudably fulfills. And this concerns not merely the name itself, but also the very matter that affects its due esteem. For, considering the names by which institutions of higher studies are commonly called in various nations, it is often, and in some cases even exclusively, given the name of University. Therefore, so that Our Athenaeum may flourish and be esteemed by learned men in the manner that is fitting – and for the benefit of the students, especially those from abroad, to whom a large part of that studious youth belongs – several

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Cardinals, concerned with the dignity of the Athenaeum, in which they themselves have either pursued studies or served as professors, with fervent desires, have wished that the Lateran Athenaeum be adorned with the title of University; all the more so, since it already encompasses everything that belongs to the dignity of a University, according to the norms of the Apostolic Constitution promulgated by Pope Pius XI of blessed memory, whose index is "Deus scientiarum Dominus" (A.A.S. XXIII, 1931, pp. 241-284). Therefore, after mature deliberation, it pleases Us that the Lateran Athenaeum, both in terms of its studies and in every other respect, should be...

[*Latin ed. p. 403*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII, 403: In the list of institutions, the Athenaeum is mentioned. By our own initiative and by our Apostolic Authority, we decree and declare that the Athenaeum at the Lateran, which includes the Faculties of Sacred Theology and Philosophy, the Pontifical Institute of Both, the Pastoral Institute, and the Pontifical Institute "Iesu Magister," is henceforth to be called the Pontifical Lateran University; and we also wish that this new name of the Athenaeum be included in its statutes and laws, which, with their own force, continue to remain in effect. Furthermore, whatever has been established by us in these letters, issued by our own initiative, we command that it be firm and ratified, notwithstanding any contrary provisions. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the seventeenth day of the month of May, in the Feast of Pentecost, in the year 1959, in the first year of our pontificate.

IOANNES PP. XXIII

APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTION

CONCERNING THE ERECTION OF A PRELATURE NILIUS IN BOLIVIA (COROICENSIS)

TO THE ARCHDIOCESES FROM WHICH TERRITORIES ARE TAKEN, A NEW PRELATURE NILIUS IS FOUNDED, TO BE CALLED (COROICENSIS).

IOANNES, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD,

FOR THE PERPETUAL MEMORY OF THIS EVENT:

From the day that we, by the will of God, obtained this Apostolic and Roman See, we have accepted the care and solicitude for all the Churches

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throughout the world, and we strive with the utmost diligence that, within the boundaries of each diocese, suitably defined and with newly established circumscriptions, the conditions for the increase of the Christian faith may be made more fitting. Therefore, since our venerable brother...

[*Latin ed. p. 404*]

404 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale. Humbertus Mozzoni, Archiepiscopus titulo Sidetanus, cum in Bolivia Apostolicus Nuntius esset, postulavit ut, propter amplum divisum territorium archidioecesis Pacensis in Bolivia, nova praelatura nullius crearetur. Pius XII, Pontifex Maximus, Noster Praedecessor, post auditum venerabilem fratrem Abelem Isidorum Antezana et Rojas, eiusdem Ecclesiae Archiepiscopum, quae petita esse iudicavit opportuna, et precibus adhibitis, decrevit. Cum autem idem Summus Pontifex die nono mensis Octobris, hoc anno, aeternae vitae limina petiverit, antequam ad hoc Apostolicae sub plumbo Litterae mitterentur, Nos, qui in regimen totius Ecclesiae eiusdem successimus, ut ea quae statuit non frustra fiant, haec quae sequuntur decernimus et iubemus. Ab archidioecesi Paçensi in Bolivia, territorium separamus, quod civilibus provinciis vulgo appellatis Bautista Saavedra, Laracaya, Oaupolicán et Nor Yungas continetur, exceptis territoriis ad provincias Nor Yungas, Oaupolicán et Laracaya pertinentibus, atque ad dexteram fluminis, quod Rio Beni appellant, exstantibus, et curia, cui Ooripata nomen, quae in civilem provinciam Nor Yungas patet; quibus territoriis novam praelaturam nullius efficimus, Coroicensem nuncupandam. Huius Ecclesiae Sedem et Praelatique Ordinarii domicilium in urbe vulgo Coroico collocari volumus, cathedram vero in templo poni S. Petri Apostoli, in eadem civitate exstante, quod ad aedis praelaticiae gradum evehimus. Sive Praelato, sive praelaturae omnia concedimus iura et privilegia, quae huiusmodi Praelatis atque Ecclesiis sunt propria; simulque Praelato obligationes imponimus et onera, quibus ceteri ad iuris normam astringuntur. Hanc praelaturam nullius suffraganeam volumus metropolitanae Ecclesiae Pacensi in Bolivia, eiusque sacrorum Antistitem Pacensi Archiepiscopo obnoxium. Cum autem magni momenti sit iuvenes ad sacerdotium vocatos apte conformare et educare, iubemus ut quam primum Praelatus Ordinarius elementarium saltem Seminarium, ad iuris communis leges et normas a S. Consilio de Seminariis et Studiorum Universitatibus traditas, excitare curet; ex quo electi iuvenes in Urbem mittantur, in Pontificium Collegium Pianum Latinum Americanum, ut philosophicis ac theologicis disciplinis instituantur. Quod ad clerum attinet, decernimus ut simul ac praelatura Coroicensis condita erit, sacerdotes Ecclesiae illi censeantur ascripti, in cuius territorio beneficium aut ecclesiasticum officium legitime retineant; ceteri autem clerici, in cuius territorio legitime degant. Mensam praelaticiam, quam dicunt, constituent Curiae emolumenta, fidelium oblationes et congrua bonorum

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archidioecesis Pacensis pars, quae novae praelaturae continget ex divisione, ad normam canonis 1500 C. I. C.

[*Latin ed. p. 405*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII, 405. Concerning the governance of the prefecture, or the administration of ecclesiastical and temporal affairs, and other matters which the sacred canons prescribe, we command that these be observed. Furthermore, we desire that all documents and records pertaining to the aforementioned [prefecture], and to its clergy and faithful, as well as its temporal goods, be transmitted from the archdiocesan curia of Pacis to the curia of Coroico, to be diligently preserved in a designated archive. Those decrees which we have established in these letters will be carried out by the one who at this time presides over the Apostolic Nunciature, to whom we grant all the faculties and powers necessary and appropriate to carry out the matter, which he may delegate to any man who is constituted in ecclesiastical dignity. We impose upon the one who will bring this matter to fruition the obligation of drawing up the records and documents pertaining to the matter, and of sending true copies thereof to the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory. If, at the time of execution, another presides over our Nunciature in the Republic of Bolivia, he will see to it that our commands are carried out. We will and desire that these letters be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those things which have been decreed by them will be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus will obtain their full force. No prescriptions of any kind whatsoever can be contrary to the effectiveness of these letters, since by these letters we derogate from all such. Therefore, if anyone, whether endowed with authority or not, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be declared utterly null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a man constituted in ecclesiastical dignity, and which are signed by a public notary, shall have the same full faith as if they were presented. Let anyone who in any way disregards or rejects our decrees know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the seventh day of the month of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, in the first year of Our pontificate. For the Holy Roman Church, DOMINICUS Card. TARDINI, % MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI, from the public affairs of the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory, from the Secretariat, Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancery, Regens, Albertus Serafini, Apostolic Secretary, Caesar Federici, Apostolic Secretary, Loco £B Plumbi In Ap. Cane,

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tab., vol. XCIX, n. J,8.

[*Latin ed. p. 406*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 406 II DURANGENSIS - SINALOENSIS (MAZATLANENSIS) A portion of the Archdiocese of Durango and the Diocese of Sinaloa, having been detached, a new Diocese is established, to be called ((MAZATLANENSIS)). JOHN, Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God, for the perpetual memory of these things:

Since we, who hold the care and governance of all men, whom God desires to be saved, and of all the Churches, rejoice when, through the division of diocesan boundaries and the establishment of new territories, the best hope is given that the needs of the faithful may be more suitably served through this, Venerable Brother Aloisius Raimondi, Archbishop with the title of Tarsus and Apostolic Delegate in the Mexican Prefecture, requested from this See of Peter that, after the Archdiocese of Durango and the Diocese of Sinaloa have been greatly diminished by the detachment of territories, a new Church be established. Having heard what Venerable Brothers Joseph Maria Gonzalez and Valencia, Archbishop of Durango, and Linus Aguirre Garcia, Bishop of Sinaloa, thought about this matter, we judged that the prayers should be received. Therefore, with the consent of those who have some right in this matter, by our supreme authority, we decree and order the following. We separate from the Archdiocese of Durango the entire territory of the parishes, commonly called: Tamazula, San Andrés de la Sierra, Los Remedios, Topia, Canelas, Otaez, and San Dimas; and from the Diocese of Sinaloa, the territory of the municipalities, which are now called: Elota, Cosala, San Ignacio, Concordia, Mazatlán, Rosario, and Escuinapa. With these territories, we establish a new Diocese, to be called the Mazatlanense, which will be bounded by the same limits as the parishes and municipalities from which it is formed. Therefore, the boundaries of this new Diocese will be as follows: to the north and west, the Diocese of Sinaloa; to the north and east, the Archdiocese of Durango; to the south and west, the Pacific Ocean. We wish the seat of the Church and the Bishop's residence to be located in the city commonly called Mazatlán, and the cathedral to be placed in the temple of the Blessed Virgin Mary, after all original defects have been remedied, which exists in that city, and which we raise to the rank of cathedral. We grant to the Bishop and to the Diocese the rights and privileges, which are of this nature...

[*Latin ed. p. 407*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 407: Ad Principales et Ecclesias propria sunt; simulque Episcopo obligationes imponimus et onera, quibus ceteri ad normam iuris astringuntur. Hanc dioecesim suffraganeam volumus metropolitanae Ecclesiae Durangensi, eiusque sacrorum Antistitem eiusdem Archiepiscopo obnoxium. Praesul, cui nova circumscriptio

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gubernanda credetur, Consultores dioecesanos in Canonicorum locum ad tempus deliget, ut opera ei praesto sint atque consilio; Canonicorum autem coetu condito, iidem a suo munere cessabunt. Seminarium, praeterea, saltem elementarium, ad iuris normam struet iuxta leges a S. Consilio Seminariis et Studiorum Universitatibus praeposito traditas; ex quo electi iuvenes in Urbem mittantur, in Pontificium Collegium Pianum Latinum Americanum, philosophicis ac theologicis disciplinis imbuendi. Quod ad clerum attinet, decernimus ut simul ac dioecesis Mazatlanensis condita erit, sacerdotes Ecclesiae illi censeantur ascripti, in cuius territorio beneficium aut ecclesiasticum officium legitime retineant; ceteri autem clerici, in cuius territorio legitime degant. Mensam episcopalem, quam dicunt, constituent Curiae emolumenta, fidelium oblationes et congruae archidioecesis Durangensis et dioecesis Sinaloensis bonorum partes, quae novae dioecesi contingent ex divisione ad normam canonis 1500 C. I. C. facienda. Quod ad dioecesis regimen et ad religiosarum rerum et temporalium bonorum administrationem attinet aliaque huiusmodi, servanda iubemus quae sacri canones praescribunt. Volumus insuper ut acta, quae novam Sedem eiusque clericos et fideles atque bona temporalia respiciunt a Curiis archidioecesis Durangensis et dioecesis Sinaloensis ad Curiam transmittantur Mazatlanensem, in condendo tabulario religiose asservanda. Quae autem per has Litteras decrevimus effici curabit Apostolicus in Ditione Mexicana Delegatus, quem diximus, cui scilicet omnes facultates et potestates tribuimus agendae rei necessarias et opportunas, quas poterit cuilibet viro delegare, dummodo sit in ecclesiastica dignitate constitutus. Qui autem rem ad effectum deducet, ei onus imponimus de acta re documenta exarandi atque sinceris exemplis ad S. Congregationem Consistorialem mittendi. Quodsi tempore exsecutionis alius eidem Delegationi praesit, hic iussa Nostra faciet. Has vero Litteras nunc et in posterum efficaces esse et fore volumus; ita quidem ut quae per eas decreta sunt ab iis quorum res est religiose serventur, atque igitur vim suam obtineant. Quarum Litterarum efficacitati nulla, cuiusvis generis, contraria praescripta officere poterunt, cum per has Litteras iisdem derogemus omnibus. Quapropter si quis, quavis praeditus auctoritate, sive sciens sive insciens contra egerit ac Nos edi-

[*Latin ed. p. 408*]

We decree that the aforementioned acts of the Apostolic See – Commentarium Officiale 408 – are to be considered entirely invalid and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted for anyone to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the same faith is to be given to copies of these letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person of authority in ecclesiastical matters, and which have been signed by a public notary, as would be given to the original documents themselves, if they were presented. Whoever shall disregard or in any way despise Our

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decrees in general, let him know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the second and twentieth day of the month of November, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, in the first year of Our pontificate. For the Holy Roman Church, DOMINICUS Card. TARDINI, Chamberlain; MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Affairs of the Church, from the Secretariat; Hamletus Tondini, Regent of the Apostolic Chancery; Albertus Serafini, Apostolic Secretary; Caesar Federici, Apostolic Secretary. In the Apostolic Archives, in the Cane, table, volume XCIX, number 61. III. FROM DURANGO (CHIHUAHUA) TO THE PROVINCE OF DURANGO, NEW PROVINCE OF THE CHURCH, TO BE CALLED CHIHUAHUA. JOHN, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE OF THIS EVENT, We consider it fitting to arrange the affairs of the dioceses in such a way, according to the circumstances of the times, that the Christian law may be more and more effectively spread among men, and that they may more abundantly enjoy the benefits of the Church. Therefore, to the Most Reverend Brother Aloysius Raimondi, Archbishop with the title of Tarsus, in the Mexican Prefecture, Apostolic Delegate,

[*Latin ed. p. 409*]

Having considered that it seemed most fitting for the spiritual good, that the diocese of Chihuahua should be raised to the rank and dignity of an archdiocese, and that a new ecclesiastical province should be established there, and having earnestly requested that this be done by this Apostolic See, We have heard what the venerable Archbishops of Durango and the Bishops of Chihuahua, Ciudad Juárez, and Sonora thought about this matter. With the consent of those who have some right in this ecclesiastical arrangement, and after consultation with our venerable brothers, the Most Reverend Cardinals presiding over the Consistorial Affairs, and with the supreme authority vested in Us, We decree and order the following: The cathedral churches of Chihuahua, Ciudad Juárez, and Sonora are freed from the metropolitan jurisdiction of the Church of Durango, and from these We establish a new ecclesiastical province, to be called the Province of Chihuahua, with the same boundaries as the dioceses from which it is formed. We adorn the See of Chihuahua with the title and dignity of an archdiocese, granting it all the rights and privileges with which such a metropolitan See is commonly endowed by law; and We subordinate the dioceses of Sonora and Ciudad Juárez to it as suffragan dioceses; and We decree that their respective bishops, freed from the metropolitan jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Durango, shall be subject to the Metropolitan of Chihuahua. Furthermore, We invest the Most Reverend Prelate of Chihuahua, that is, our venerable brother Antonio Guizar Valencia, and

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his successors, with the rank and insignia of an Archbishop Metropolitan, along with the rights and privileges, offices, and duties proper to that rank. We grant him the power to carry a cross before him, within the boundaries of his archdiocese, and to wear the sacred pallium, after he has duly requested and obtained it in a public Consistory. The venerable brother, our Apostolic Delegate in the Mexican Territory, will see to the execution of all these matters, to whom We grant all the powers necessary for this purpose, and to whom We may delegate, if necessary, to any man who is duly constituted in ecclesiastical dignity, and We impose upon him the duty of drawing up the documents pertaining to the completed matter, and of sending copies of them as soon as possible to the Sacred Congregation for Consistorial Affairs. If, at the time that these matters are being carried out, another person presides over the Delegation in the Mexican Territory, he will bear the same responsibilities and enjoy the same powers. We will and order that these documents be effective now and in the future; so that those things which are decreed in them may be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their full force. Nothing, of any kind, contrary to the provisions of these documents, shall be able to impede their effectiveness, since by these documents We derogate from all such things. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts in opposition to this, and We have been informed of it—

[*Latin ed. p. 410*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - 410. We decree that the aforementioned Commentary [Officiale] be entirely declared invalid and void. Furthermore, no one shall be permitted to divide or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the same faith shall be given to copies of these Letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person of established standing in ecclesiastical dignity, and which have been signed by a public notary, as would be given to these very documents if they were presented. Whoever shall disregard or in any way despise Our decrees in general, let him know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the second and twentieth day of the month of November, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, in the first year of Our pontificate. For the Holy Roman Church, DOMINICUS Card. TARDINI, Chamberlain; MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Consistorial Affairs, from the Secret Archives. Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancery. Regem Albertus Serafini, Prot. Apost. Caesar Federici, Prot. Apost. At the place of Lead and Plumb, in the Apostolic Cane, table, volume XCIX, number 62. IV. TERRITORIES ARE SEPARATED FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIBEROPOLIS (BRUSSELS), AND A NEW DIOCESE IS ESTABLISHED,

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NAMED (BRUSSELS). JOHN, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE OF THIS EVENT. Since every new diocese is a new source and origin of the Christian religion, from which, like a head and beginning, the most brilliant stream of divine wisdom flows forth, for the light and salvation of the people, therefore, the constitution of any Church is subordinate to the benefits of the faithful in Christ, and it is pleasing to Us, the Supreme Pontiff...

[*Latin ed. p. 411*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 411, for the good of the whole Church, a cause for true joy. Therefore, we deem it fitting, with a willing heart, to accept the resolutions of the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, which has determined that, for the good of things, a church should be founded in the archdiocese of Libreville. Since these things are so, having heard the opinion of the venerable Brother Marcel Lefebvre, Archbishop of Dakar, and also Apostolic Delegate in French Africa, and of John Jerome Adam, Archbishop of Libreville, with their consent, representing those who have some right in this matter, we, by our apostolic authority, decree and order the following: We separate from the archdiocese of Libreville the entire territory which comprises the civil regions of Haut-Ogoouè, Ogoouè-Lolo, Ngouniè, and Ngouniè-Nyanga, and we reduce it to the form of a new diocese, to be called Muilaënsis, and to be entrusted to the Brothers of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit. We strongly urge them to spare no effort and to overcome all difficulties, so that they may extend the boundaries of the Kingdom of Christ. The new church will have all the rights that belong to dioceses, as will its Ordinary; who, moreover, will bear the burdens and will be of equal dignity with other sacred prelates. Among these burdens, it is fitting to mention that he will, together with his diocese, be a suffragan of the metropolitan See of Libreville, although it will remain subject to the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. The seat of the diocese will be the city commonly called Muila, in which the Bishop will establish the seat of his authority, with the episcopal chair of the ministry established in the church of Saint Martin, in that city. The new Ordinary should take care to establish at least an elementary seminary for receiving boys whom the most gracious grace of the Holy Spirit invites to enter the priesthood, according to the norms of the Holy Congregation concerning seminaries and universities, and according to the laws of common law. Furthermore, he should found a college for canons, and if the creation of such a college proves impossible at present, he should strive to choose diocesan consultants, whose counsel and assistance he will enjoy. The episcopal table will be provided with food, fruits, and a portion of the goods that will benefit the diocese, according to the division prescribed by canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law. Furthermore, all documents and records pertaining to this circumscription should be

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sent to its Curia; and there they should be religiously preserved in the archives. Moreover, the venerable Brother Marcel Lefebvre, whom we have mentioned above, will strive to bring these things to effect, having been granted the necessary powers for this purpose, which he may also delegate to any man, provided he is of ecclesiastical standing. And he who completes this task will order the drafting of documents, and true copies of which should be sent to...

[*Latin ed. p. 412*]

412 Acta Apostolicae Sedis – The Official Commentary. The Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith will promptly send a communication to the Apostolic Delegation in French Africa. Furthermore, if at that time another person presides over the Apostolic Delegation in French Africa, we assign to that person the duty of fulfilling the same. We intend that these documents be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those things which are decreed through them be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their force. The efficacy of these documents will not be hindered by any prescriptions of any kind, since through these documents we abolish all such things. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that such action be declared entirely null and void. Moreover, no one is permitted to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, copies of these documents, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a man established in ecclesiastical dignity and are also signed by a public notary, shall be held to be entirely valid, just as if they were the original documents. Let anyone who in any way disregards or rejects Our decrees know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the eleventh day of the month of December, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, in the first year of Our pontificate. For the Holy Roman Church: DOMINICUS Card. TARDINI PETRUS Card. FUMASONI BIONDI, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancellor. Regent Hannibal Ferretti, Apostolic Chancellor. Bernardus De Felicis, Apostolic Secretary. Petrus Loco, Apostolic Secretary. In Ap. Cane, tab., vol. C, n. 1.

[*Latin ed. p. 413*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 413. APOSTOLICAE LITTERAE. ECCLESIA BEATAE MARIAE VIRGINIS NEMORENSIS, SEU "MADONNA DEL BOSCO", IN OPPIDO "IMBERSAGO", MEDIOLANENSIS ARCHIDIOECESIS, AFFICIITUR HONORIBUS ET PRIVILEGIIS. IOANNES PP. XXIII. Ad perpetuam rei memoriam. — Est nobis gaudium, cum animo grato, meminisse, quod ab infantia, Divina Misericordia Nos

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impellit fortiter et suaviter ad initandos religionis viam, etiamsi ad viam sacerdotii, praesertim cum, licet immeritos, nuperrime Nos ad sublime fastigium Cathedrae Petri elevavit. Marialis pietas, prae omnis, commemoranda videtur, quae in celebri Sanctuario Beatae Mariae Virginis Nemorensis, vulgo "Madonna del Bosco" appellato, apud oppidum "Imbersago", intra fines Archidioecesis Mediolanensis, vigebat, cum, ex regione Bergomensi adhuc puer, peregrinantium more, illuc iter faciebamus. Exstat, iam inde ab saeculo XVII, ipsum Sanctuarium, ad quod per oblongas amplasque scalas acceditur, in amoeno ac solitario loco, nemoribus consito, idoneo pietati, et tribus octogonis coniunctis aedificiis efficitur, nec illi desunt artificiosa picturae et sculpturae opera, quibus egregie decoratur, atque sacra supellex, copiosa et pulchra nimis. Anno insuper MCMXXVIII sollemniter fuit consecratum. In illo denique quam piissime colitur durateum simulacrum Beatae Mariae Virginis, quod Nosmet ipsi, inter Patres Cardinales asciti ac Venetiarum Patriarcham agentes, anno MCMLIV, pro desideratissimo Hildefonso Alfredo S. R. E. Presbytero Cardinali Schuster, tunc Archiepiscopo Mediolanensi, graviter infirmo, aurea corona sollemni ritu coronavimus. Quae omnia memoria repetentes, peculiare propensae erga memoratum Nobisque carissimum Sanctuarium testimonium, nec non congruens Clero eidem addicto fidelibusque praemium, initio Nostri Pontificatus perlibenter intendimus tribuere, quod perpetuum sit huius voluntatis Nostrae mnemosynon. Quare, motu proprio, certa scientia ac matura deliberatione Nostra deque Apostolicae potestatis plenitudine, harum Litterarum vi perpetuumque in modum, Ecclesiam Deo in honorem Beatae Mariae Nemorensis, seu "Madonna del Bosco" italico nuncupatam sermone, in oppido "Imbersago" intra.

[*Latin ed. p. 414*]

414 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - We solemnly declare and adorn the parish church of Somascha, located within the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Milan, with the title and dignity of a Minor Basilica, bestowing upon it all the rights and privileges that properly belong to churches bearing this honor. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions. We decree, establish, and ordain that these present letters shall remain forever firm, valid, and efficacious; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that they shall fully support and be applicable to those to whom they pertain, now and in the future; and that they shall be duly judged and defined as such; and that they shall be null and void from this moment forward, if anything contrary to these, by any authority whatsoever, knowingly or unknowingly, should occur. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, under the Fisherman's Ring, on the tenth day of December, in the year 1958, the first of Our Pontificate. D. TARDINI.

II. THE PARISH CHURCH IS ADORNED WITH THE TITLE AND

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DIGNITY OF A MINOR BASILICA IN HONOR OF THE SAINTS BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE AND JEROME EMILIANI, CONFESSOR, LOCATED IN SOMASCHA, WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE DIOCESE OF BERGAMO.

IOANNES PP. XXIII. For the perpetual memory of this event.

— In the region of Bergamo, which is most dear to Us, as Our homeland, and in the territories of the Venetians, many civil and ecclesiastical ties have existed. In this regard, the example of Saint Jerome Emiliani is worthy of remembrance: born among the Venetians, he came to the territory of Bergamo in the 16th century, lived for a long time in Somascha, accomplished many excellent deeds, and ended his life with a holy purpose. It is not surprising that, after the solemnities of the Beatification of the same Servant of God, in the year 1748, his sacred remains were brought to the ancient parish church of the town of Somascha, dedicated to Saint Bartholomew the Apostle, and presented for the veneration of the faithful, so that the church itself became famous throughout the region. From the year 1656, through the efforts of Saint Charles Borromeo, Archbishop of Milan, the parish church, having been honored with the title of parish, with beautiful works begun, and decorated in the 17th century, was, by Our predecessor Clement VIII, blessed memory, permanently granted to the Order of Clerics Regular of Somascha in the year 1691, attracting many faithful, as pilgrims, because of the miracles that were performed there. Finally, the church, having been restored and enlarged, and also enriched with numerous...

[*Latin ed. p. 415*]

The furnishings, of inestimable value, of the church of Saint John XXIII, solemnly consecrated in the year 1893 by the Most Reverend Andrea Ferrari, of blessed memory, then Bishop of Como, and subsequently Archbishop of Milan, were received with great joy. In order that this monument, due to the events that took place there and the piety of the faithful, might receive from Us a testimony of Our most favorable will, Our beloved son, the present Vicar General of the aforementioned Order, having also heard the Venerable Bishop of Bergamo, and also the Superior General of the entire Order, humbly approached Us with prayers, so that We might deign to elevate the aforementioned parish church of Somasca to the dignity of a Minor Basilica. And We, for whom that illustrious region, piously cultivated by Saint Jerome Emiliani, has been most dear from Our youth, have readily considered it fitting to grant such requests. Wherefore, after consultation with the Sacred Congregation of Rites, with certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic power and Our authority, by these letters, perpetually and in every respect, We elevate the parish church of the town of Somasca, dedicated to God in honor of the Apostle Saint Bartholomew and the Confessor Saint Jerome Emiliani, and

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located within the boundaries of the Diocese of Bergamo, to the honors and privileges of a Minor Basilica, and We adorn it with them. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions. These things We decree, We establish, We decide, and We declare that these present letters shall remain forever firm, valid, and efficacious; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that the aforementioned church shall, now and in the future, fully enjoy the benefits thereof; and that it shall be rightly judged and defined accordingly; and that anything to the contrary, attempted by anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, shall be null and void from this moment. Given at Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's ring, on the tenth day of the month of December, in the year 1958, the first of Our pontificate.

D. TARDINI, concerning public affairs of the Church.

CHURCH OF SAINT AGNES OUTSIDE THE WALLS OF THE CITY, ELEVATED TO THE HONOR OF A STATIONARY TITLE.

JOHN PP. XXIII

For the perpetual memory of the matter.

— "Agnes is the tomb of Romulus in the house, a strong girl, endowed with the crown of martyrdom" (Prud., Peristeph., 14, 1-2): Let the praises of this virgin be heard, who, redeemed by the double crown of chastity and martyrdom, illuminates the shadowy age with the sweetest splendor of holiness.

[*Latin ed. p. 416*]

416 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary: All ages celebrated her, the Gentiles were astonished by her, the Christians venerated her with fervent hearts, and their devotion has not diminished even to this day, so that it seems true what Saint Ambrose said: "As many men, so many heralds" (De Virgin., I, 2). In honor of her, when she was buried, the Emperor Constantine built a sacred edifice, which was elegantly restored and adorned by our predecessors, Saint Symmachus and Pope Honorius I, and which used to inspire the admiration of all. This temple, through the passage of centuries, and through the generosity of other Supreme Pontiffs and Cardinal Fathers, was repeatedly renovated and embellished as circumstances required, and finally, by our predecessor, Pope Pius IX, of blessed memory, after the collapse of the floor in the ancient cloister of the Lateran Canons, it was decorated with exceptional artistry. It is also to be known that, in very ancient times, sacred catacombs were dug near the foundation of Saint Agnes, where the bodies of those were laid who, having scorned the empty allurements of pagan freedom, had followed the signs of the Christian militia. Among the most distinguished relics preserved in this place, the bones of Saint Emerentiana, a virgin, companion of Saint Agnes,

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are rightly held in high esteem, since she was buried in the same tomb, and in life, the same bosom nourished her and the love of Christ united them, and in death, the same glory of martyrdom joined them. Thus, the church of Saint Agnes outside the walls, located in the sacred confines of the city, which is more ancient and more revered, holds a prominent place. There are not a few such churches, to which the people are accustomed to come during the time of the Forty Days of Lent, following the ancient custom of piety; where, while the sacred stations are held, devotion and the veneration of the Saints and Martyrs may stir up the contests of Christian virtues, and prepare the minds to celebrate the mysteries of Easter with purity. Although these stations are marked with titles and privileges only in certain churches, it often happens that, when the convenience of the faithful, or the condition of the sacred buildings, or the desire to extend this benefit requires it, one is replaced by another, or a new one is instituted in its place. Therefore, our beloved son, Charles, Cardinal Priest of the Holy Roman Church, Confalonieri, also offering prayers for the Canons Regular of the Lateran, custodians of the same Basilica, and moved by a desire to promote religion, requested that we grant that the church in that frequently visited area of the city, which lacked the title of this sacred station, be permanently endowed with this pious and beneficial honor. We, who desire to further enhance the venerable custom of these sacred stations,

[*Latin ed. p. 417*]

Acta Ioannis PP. 417 XXIII, ad augenda beneficia, et ad supplicationes, quas Ipsi interdum proponuntur, haec vota animo liberi implentes, statuimus, ut Basilicae Sanctissimae Agnetis, prima ex quibus ad Petreanum Solium arcano Dei consilio sumus elati, hoc spirituale munus perpetuo impertatur. Quapropter, ecclesiam Sanctae Agnetis extra moenia, auctoritate Nostra, in perpetuum ad honorem et praerogativam ecclesiarum stationalium elevamus, eamque sacrarum Indulgentiarum concessione ditantes, quibus cetera templa huiusmodi fruuntur, id quoque decernimus, ut in ea statio quotannis eodem die, quo in titulo Sancti Ioannis ante Portam Latinam, celebretur, hoc est, Sabbato post primam Dominicam Passionis. Huius vero celebrationis cura imprimis eorum, quibus officium incumbit, ea diligentia et pietate peragatur, quam rei gravitas et Nostrae liberalitatis gratia postulat, non obstantibus in contrarium facientibus quibusvis. Datum Romae, apud Sanctum Petrum, sub anulo Piscatoris, die XXVII mensis Februarii, anno MDCCCCLVIHI, Pontificatus Nostri primo.

D. Card. TARDINI a publicis Ecclesiae negotiis.

EPISTULA AD EM. P. D. ANTONIUM TIT. S. LAURENTII CAGGIANO, ROSARIENSEM EPISCOPUM, ANTISTITEN, SAECULO NAM GENTEM SIMO VERTENTE EXEUNTE AB PUBLICAE ANNO AMICITIAE AB IN PANISPERNA S. R. E. CARD. ET AD CETEROS ARGENTINAE SACRORUM INITIS INTER RATIONIBUS; ARCHIDIOECESIBUS PETRI

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SEDEM QUINTO ET SIMUL COMPLURIBUS IN EA ARGENTIAC VICE-NATIONE CONSTITUTIS.

Dilecte Fili Noster et Venerabiles Fratres, salutem et Apostolicam Benedictionem.

— Si ingratae mentis est beneficia divina tacere, et unusquisque nostrum, cum numquam supernae largitatis sit expers, religioso obsequio illud Psalmae iterare debet: « Benedicam Domino omni tempore, cunctorum bonorum Auctori et Datori exhiberi publicas et effusiores gratiarum actiones prorsus fas est et decet, ubi, anniversariae memoriae ratione poscente, maioris momenti et singulis gentibus impertita caelestia dona recoluntur. » Quapropter magna cum laude gratulamur vobis, Dilecte Fili Noster et

1 Ps. 3, 1. 27 - ACTA, vol. I, n. 8. — 22-6-1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 418*]

418 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary, Venerable Brothers, concerning the preparations for the sacred celebrations: For it happens that, as the appointed time approaches, events occur which, this year, will mark the completion of five lustra since, by Apostolic Letters sealed with the leaden bulla, the Archdioceses and Dioceses of "Nobilis Argentinae Nationis" were established among you, and in order that this anniversary may be celebrated, commemorating the public friendship established between the See of Peter and the Argentine people. Both events are most salutary. From the time that our immortal Predecessor, Pope Pius XI, with most wise foresight, provided for the ecclesiastical governance and regulation of new Argentina, no one, recalling the past and present of your nation, can fail to recognize the numerous and great benefits that have resulted therefrom. Among other things, many parishes have been established; not a few temples have been raised from the ground; the number of ministers of the sacraments has been considerably increased; the families of religious and of holy virgins have become more numerous; the Catholic Action has flourished; and schools of every kind, colleges for the education of boys and girls, and institutions for fostering Christian charity have increased. This is a cause for common joy, for it clearly shows that God has looked favorably upon these endeavors, and that those things here which pertain to religious piety, irrigated by the very source of all graces, have yielded fruitful growth, so that the praise of this divine hymn may be fittingly applied: "Thou hast visited the earth, and watered it; thou hast greatly enriched it... Thou hast prepared its furrows, thou hast levelled its clods, thou hast softened it with rains, thou hast blessed the seed of it." 2. Since much has been accomplished here, there remains much to be done. Wherefore, with paternal wishes, we desire that, especially during these celebrations, vigorous efforts be made to pursue and implement new endeavors that will benefit the Catholic name, with a good conscience and firm concord, so

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that difficult obstacles may be removed and undertakings completed. What we feel, we openly declare: We are firmly convinced that the illustrious nation of Argentina should preserve this excellent reputation, so that it may shine in a special way in the continent of South America as a land of Christian humaneness, and that, through examples of Evangelical wisdom and good works, it may inspire other nations, bound to it by fraternal ties, to emulation in virtue, to pursue those things which the love of country and the dignity of religion demand. 3 Ps. 64, 10-11.

[*Latin ed. p. 419*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 419: May God grant that these our wishes may not be in vain, but that, fueled by a fervent desire and action, all those who here profess the Christian faith may strive to attain greater, higher, and better things, spurred on by their former zeal, and also by new methods and means. It has been pleasing to us to learn that the highest authorities of the Argentine Republic have decided to attend the celebration of both anniversaries: which we consider worthy of praise, for to honor the most holy religion, in which the supreme good of human society is contained, and the See of Peter, is a noble sign of civil wisdom and a clear pledge. From this, it is also permissible to hope that between the Apostolic See and Argentina, relationships will develop for the increase and glory of the Catholic faith, and for the true benefit of the beloved nation, so that they may attain those advancements which reflect our desires. Finally, whatever is joyful and auspicious, we wish for you, our beloved Son and Venerable Brothers, and also for all those with you who celebrate the happy event, indeed, for the entire nation of Argentina, beloved by God, and bound to us by singular affection, we impart the Apostolic Blessing, a pledge of heavenly help and consolation. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the second day of May, in the year 1959, in the first year of our pontificate. JOHN PP. XXIII. ADDRESSES I. To the Most Reverend Fathers, Archbishops, and faithful who attended the solemn Vespers celebrated by the Most Blessed Father in the Vatican Basilica on the Sunday of Pentecost. * Venerable Brother, and beloved sons: Just the time has passed since the beginning of our pontifical mission, sufficient for the complete observance of the liturgical year. From Advent to Pentecost: from the announcement of Bethlehem to the triumph of the Holy Spirit, of the Church, One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. The humble shepherds of the hill, watchful in the mysterious night, * May 17, 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 420*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale 420: Behold, these men have become pastors of the universal Church, which extends from one pole to the other of the world, from one century to another of the history of peoples. In the liturgical worship of each year, it is given to

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our eyes to review those great events; it is given to our hearts to savor their significance; it is the renewal of our spirit in the grace that sanctifies and elevates us. Oh! What beauty is this renewal in us of the heavenly gifts of the Holy Spirit, which assure us of immortal glories. All of the history of the Church is there. The experience of the past, the reality of the present, the vision of the future: all is there. This course of our personal and social life, as individuals and as members of the great living body of the Catholic Church, is woven with joys and sorrows, with consolations and with bitterness. You will be pleased to hear of consolations; you will not shun sharing with Us the most grievous sorrows of Our immense pastoral solicitude, extended to all regions of the earth. Here is Our serene joy. At the end of January, on the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, We announced the project of celebrating an œcumenical Council, which should convene, as at a new Pentecost, first of all all the Bishops of the Church, having communion with the Apostolic See. This assembly, of immense and profound preparation, reserved, with the help of the Lord, for the great sanctification of the clergy, for the edification of the Christian people, and for an encouraging spectacle for those who aspire to thoughts of faith and of peace. Well, here we are, on this day, May 17, 1959, on the feast of Pentecost, at the first act of this extraordinary undertaking, namely, the announcement of the Preparatory Commission for this great event. It is a first introduction, that is, the beginning of a series of acts and constitutions, which presuppose preparation, research, and studies, to which all the languages of the earth may give voice. It is natural that all of this will require long months of widespread elaboration. We will have the opportunity and time to return to this subject, reserved to move heaven and earth. Alongside the consolation, here is a great reason for sadness. The usual serenity of Our disposition does not allow it to be revealed. But, while adoring the mysterious will of the Lord, Who "mortifies and vivifies, leads down to the lower parts of the earth and restores" (1 Samuel 2:6), We feel a living need for...

[*Latin ed. p. 421*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 421: Let our voice be raised, for, by remaining silent, we would fail to fulfill the apostolic mandate: "Cry aloud, and do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet." 2 Already, Pope Pius XI, of blessed memory, had on several occasions lamented the sad conditions of the Church in certain nations. And We, from the very first days of Our Pontificate, have made Our own his lament and his anguish, in the face of the continued persecution that afflicts millions of the faithful, of different languages and from various regions. In particular, in the Consistorial Address of December 10th of last year, speaking of a people supremely dear to Us, We indicated to the world, with charity and truth, how a schism was being painfully sought to be provoked. With how much sorrow must We

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say that the situation of the Church in China seems to have worsened even further! The design is being carried out to induce Our children to obey pastors who are not true; pressure continues to be exerted on Catholics to renounce their sweet and salutary submission to the Vicar of Christ; even the very temples, which were once a serene refuge for the soul, are often transformed into places of peril. We also wish to mention another affliction that deeply troubles Us. In the noble and beloved Hungary, the governance of the Bishops is forced to take place under increasingly harsh and difficult conditions, due to the interference, the impositions, and the prohibitions that hinder it. Most worthy Prelates, among whom is an illustrious member of the Sacred College, are kept segregated from the beloved flock; others find themselves unable to adequately provide for the needs of the faithful, being hindered from freely making use of the ministry of their clergy; many difficulties are placed in the way of the formation and education of candidates for the priesthood. It is to be feared that from these abnormal conditions, an opportunity will now arise to justify further unwarranted interventions by the civil authority in the life of the Church, demanding from the Pastors actions that their conscience cannot accept; indeed, demanding that ecclesiastical persons not chosen by this Apostolic See intrude into the guidance and governance of the flock of Christ, Our Lord. Venerable Brothers and beloved children! Even amidst so much sadness, Our hope is founded in Him who, in establishing His Church, did not wish to exclude trial and persecution. To Him rises the cry of confident hope: "For all who wait for you shall not be ashamed; let those who keep you not be confounded." 2 "Remember Your mercies, O Lord, which are from the beginning of the world." 2 Isaiah 58:1. * Psalm 24, verses 5, 6. 3

[*Latin ed. p. 422*]

To Him is raised the unceasing prayer, to obtain constancy and firmness for the brothers who are persecuted, and light, forgiveness, and conversion for the unhappy persecutors, "who do not know what they are doing."

The opportune occasion is given to us this evening of recollection and adoration. The Spirit, which in its coming perfected the Apostles with its sweet and powerful gifts, preparing them for the ultimate testimony of love, may descend upon so many of our brothers and sons, to console them, to suggest to them the words of faith, to make them always worthy "to suffer reproach for the name of Jesus."

And may this Spirit descend upon all those who, by the benign grace of God, are free to live, with joy and sweetness of spirit, in the consolations of the Catholic religion. We exhort all of them, "in the bowels of Jesus Christ," to be convinced witnesses of their faith, to cooperate with prayer and good will for the coming of more serene times, to keep away, with discipline and firmness, the danger that surrounds all. To all, we repeat the words of the Christmas message: "It is necessary to be vigilant in the night that

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thickens: to know how to account for the snares of those who are enemies of God before they are enemies of us, and to prepare for every defense of the Christian principles, which are the bulwark of true justice, now and always."

We thank you, Venerable Brothers and beloved sons, for having this evening corresponded to our desire, bringing yourselves to this Basilica to pray to the Paraclete together with us, according to our intentions. And while our affection embraces, with you who are present here, the faithful of the whole world, it goes in particular to those who, in the difficulties to which we have alluded, have today invoked the liberating and comforting descent of the Holy Spirit. And as a pledge of its sevenfold gifts, we impart from the heart our paternal and propitious Apostolic Blessing to all, an auspicious sign and certainty of better times.

* Luke 23:34.

* Acts 5:41.

* A. A. S. L I. [1959], p. 11.

[*Latin ed. p. 423*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 423 II Ad Excellentissimos Viros Marinum Benedictum Belluzzi et Augustinum Biordi, Supremos Marinianae Reipublicae Moderatores.

We are pleased to offer our greetings to you, Most Excellent Captains Regent of San Marino. Thus, we are afforded a most welcome opportunity to express our sentiments of benevolence towards your ancient and glorious Republic, which is dear to this Apostolic See for many reasons. It cannot escape the Head of Christendom that your Republic so keenly feels the spiritual bonds that, from its origins, connect it to the name of a Saint, and that it attributes to the influence of his spirit those religious and civil traditions, those qualities of diligence and wisdom, as well as that courteous and generous hospitality, especially demonstrated during the recent war, which constitute the rightful pride of your people. We are also pleased to note that your Republic is not only a cherished destination for tourists from every country, due to its ancient memories, the suggestive characteristics of its landscape, and its enchanting views; but it is also a land that, despite its modest geographical extent, has earned esteem and respect for upholding the ideal of just liberty, which is held in particular honor there. The love of liberty, to which you have been educated, boasts exquisitely Christian roots among you, and your fathers, understanding its true meaning, taught you never to separate its name from that of God, who is its indispensable foundation. True liberty is a gift from the Lord, and it flourishes and thrives only where His Spirit prevails: "ubi spiritus Dei, ibi libertas," as St. Paul warned. With this, your fathers also taught you how to preserve this gift from easy deviations, and they showed you

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the path to secure its precious fruits, such as peace, concord, and respect for those spiritual values upon which the prosperity of peoples and the security of their institutions depend. We are pleased to recall this teaching offered by your history, because today, perhaps no word is as resonant as that of liberty.

Die 18 Maii mensis a. 1959.

1 2 Corinthians 3:17.

[*Latin ed. p. 424*]

The phrase "Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale" appears frequently on the lips of men, while its true essence seems to remain foreign to the understanding of many. It is not difficult to find the reason for this. Men have believed that it could be secured by the force of arms, and by the aid of laws and human conventions, without considering that it must be founded on the unshakable rock of faith in God. But if God is left aside, even liberty is like a word written on the waters of the sea; and without His help, there is no house that can be solidly built, nor city whose defense can suffice with the vigilance of those who watch over it.

At this time, therefore, the heartfelt wish that we express for the beloved people of San Marino is that they remain faithful to their noble traditions, and that the genuine spirit of Christianity increasingly informs the public institutions of the Fatherland. Your glory is liberty, yes, but the liberty of the children of God, which will make your Republic, as in the past, a great family, where peace and concord reign, safe from the violent upheavals that agitate countries far larger, a convincing example of prosperity that rests firmly on the immutable principles of the Gospel. With this wish, We implore upon you, Gentlemen Captain Regents, and upon your people, abundant divine assistance, obtained through the prayers of your Holy Patron, in pledge of which We impart to you from the heart the Apostolic Blessing.

To the Most Excellent Princes Paul and Frederica, August King and Queen of the Greeks.

While We welcome Your Majesties to the Vatican, where We wholeheartedly welcome you, the memories that the name of your glorious Fatherland evokes for Us come in abundance to Our mind. We first relive in thought the years of Our classical education, for which We are so greatly indebted to the incomparable masterpieces with which ancient Greece enriched the cultural heritage of humanity. Plato and Aristotle, immortalized here itself by the brush of Raphael in a famous fresco; Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides; Xenophon and Demosthenes, nourished and delighted Our youth.

(Reference to Psalm 126:1)

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* May 22, 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 425*]

From the Acts of Pope John XXIII, 425, concerning their works, they have not left us since then, and still occupy a place of honor in our library. But how could we forget that several of the Roman Pontiffs of the early centuries, our predecessors on the Chair of Peter, had Greece as their homeland: martyrs, such as Eleutherius, Telesphorus, Hyginus, Anterus, Sixtus I; confessors, such as Eusebius, Zosimus, Theodore, Zacharias, and the two Johns – the sixth and seventh in succession – whom it pleases us to include in the list of those whose memory we have particularly wished to perpetuate. It was in Greek – and we cannot pass this over in silence – that Saint Paul and three of the four Evangelists wrote; in Greek that the luminaries of the patristic age, with whom our years of study and teaching have made us so familiar, spoke and wrote in turn: a Saint Gregory of Nazianzus, a Saint Basil, a Saint John Chrysostom, these giants upon whom the subsequent edifice of theology was built, both in the East and in the West. We cannot express the joy we felt in approaching, filled with these classical and Christian memories, the shores of your beloved homeland; in beholding with our own eyes the Acropolis, the Parthenon, the theater of Epidaurus, so many other venerable vestiges of antiquity; in following the footsteps of the great Saint Paul in Philippi, Thessalonica, Corinth, on the island of Crete. However, during our last visits, a veil of sadness enveloped, in our eyes, these glorious and precious memories of the past: the scourge of war had ensnared your unfortunate homeland in its infernal grip. At least it was for us a profound consolation to be, for many victims, the channel of the inexhaustible charity of our predecessor, Pope Pius XI, whose great heart was so widely open to all misfortunes. We were able to appreciate, in these painful circumstances, the full strength of character of your people, its energy, its endurance, its religious spirit. We would also like to mention its courtesy: for in many of the personal notes that we have preserved concerning our visits to Greece, it is mentioned the deference and cordiality with which we were received everywhere. May it be permitted us, in conclusion, to assure Your Majesties that the bonds that we forged then with their noble homeland have not been loosened, and that the Hellenic people has all our esteem and our sympathy. We are happy to testify this to you in person.

[*Latin ed. p. 426*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See - Commentary 426. It is also a source of great joy for Us to assure Your Majesties, at this very moment when Providence allows Us to welcome you for the first time to Our home, that you will always find among the Catholics of Greece subjects who are deeply loyal and devoted. These concluding words of the Address, Our Most Blessed

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Father repeated with affection in Greek: "May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. And may you always find in the Churches of the Great and Holy City, men of virtue, who will honor and glorify the name of our Lord God, and may the Lord grant you health and peace." Furthermore, knowing your desire for the flourishing of the Churches of the Great and Holy City, We have arranged for the "Holy Chalice" to be brought from the Church of the Holy Cross in Athens, so that it may be used in the sacred ceremonies. To the Regular Canons of St. Augustine, and to the four Congregations to which the Order belongs, the federation that has been happily established will soon bring forth fruit. Your Most Reverend Canons Regular of St. Augustine, beloved to Us, have been brought to Rome for the festivities, and today to these paternal halls, for the purpose of Us seeing you, having accepted Our invitation out of filial piety. Ninety years have passed since Our Predecessor, Nicholas II, at the Lateran Council, which he presided over, improved your religious Institute for the better and confirmed it with new laws, after decrees were established among you. From then on, with God's favor, it has grown and has produced generous groups of people living a life of service throughout the Catholic world. In this brief address, We do not wish, nor are We able, to recount the annals of your praises, nor to illuminate your illustrious memories. But We cannot pass over what gently touches and moves Our heart. In the sea of Venice, there is a beloved and beautiful island, St. George in Alga, where pious prayers were once heard, but now only the sound of the waves breaking against the shore is heard. From this island, two brilliant lights have emerged from among your members: namely, Pope Eugene IV and * On May 26, 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 427*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 427. Saint Lawrence Justinian, the first Patriarch of Venice. We have taken the place of both of you in the succession; therefore, both of us, both of you, both we and you, are more closely united in Christ. Just as the salutary provisions of our predecessor, Nicholas II, have abundantly benefited you, so too, with God's help, may our prayers and exhortations spur you to higher, purer, and better paths of virtue, to pursue or undertake them with renewed zeal, contributing greatly to the circumstances that occur this month: for four Congregations, which constitute your Order, a blessed federation has been happily promulgated; the Venerable Brother Louis Severinus Haller, Bishop with the title of Bethlehem, has been appointed by the Apostolic See as the Primus Abbas; and the elections of the members of the Congregation of the Most Holy Savior of the Lateran have taken place, in which a new General Abbot has been elected with great promise. May all these things proceed with success and prosperity, and may they bring forth a harvest of evangelical grace, which, indeed, will surely flourish splendidly and abundantly, if you strive with greater zeal

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in the true spirit, which you have received as an inheritance from your predecessors. Let us cultivate with the utmost diligence and mutual effort that discipline which Saint Augustine embraced. Love the truth, maintain unity, foster charity, for if charity is present, all other virtues are present; nothing truly good is lacking. To attain this summit of religious perfection, let us use the words of Saint Augustine himself: "Let yourselves be inflamed with the fire of charity: let this cause you to burn with praise of God and with the best of morals. Let one be fervent, another cold; let the fervent one inflame the rigid one; and let the one who burns little, desire increase, and pray for help." May heavenly protection, the solace of excellent hope, blessing, and peace be with you and with all your companions, wherever you may be. To His Excellency, Celai Boyar, President of the Republic of Turkey. Your visit, Mr. President, is particularly pleasing to Us. To have lived for ten years, as was the case with Us, in Istanbul and in Turkey, what a wealth of impressions and what an enchantment of memories for Our mind!

Sermon V, on the days of Easter, 3.

June 11, 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 428*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 428. First of all, let us recall the natural beauties with which the Creator has enriched your homeland. Very often, during Our visits to the various regions of Turkey, We admired these famous sites, the names of which still linger in Our memory: the Bosphorus, Izmir, Brussa, the islands of the Sea of Marmara... What enchanting landscapes that are no longer erased from the memory of anyone who had the good fortune to contemplate them! And what shall we say of the treasures of art and culture accumulated on your soil over the centuries, and which the very name of the prestigious "Hagia Sophia" already evokes! The visit of Your Excellency to the Vatican follows that which the President Menderes was eager to make to Our immortal Predecessor, Pope Pius XII, and it testifies to Our eyes of the cordial sentiments of the Republic of Turkey towards the Holy See. These sentiments are reciprocal, and We are very pleased to affirm this. We are pleased to assure Your Excellency of the loyalty of the Catholic minority, to whom their religious convictions impose a duty to show the most respectful deference to the legitimate authority. And Our sons, who for a long time have dedicated themselves in Turkey to the tasks of education and charity, in schools, hospitals, and works of assistance, are eager to serve the true good of the populations and are honored to contribute, for their part, to the life and prosperity of the Nation. Your Nation! Illustrious President, what progress in this quarter of a century, from 1935 to this day! You will allow Us to recall with particular pleasure the first meeting, although it was not official, but entirely marked by frankness and respectful cordiality, which We had in Ankara with the one who was then the Director General of Foreign Affairs, and whom We

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were later to meet again in Paris, where We were to enjoy his good friendship for nearly ten years. Thus, as you see, We continue to be cordially interested in Turkey, far from Our eyes, but always close to Our heart. It is also a source of true and lasting joy for Us to have introduced into the Church, by adding it to the Latin language – the first sign of understanding the new times – the reading of the Gospel in this Turkish language, then renewed and placed in the universal concert of human exchanges.

[*Latin ed. p. 429*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 429: C'est par de telles manières – sans en exclure d'autres, également heureuses et efficaces – que se réalisent la rencontre et la bonne entente d'homme à homme, de nation à nation, de peuple à peuple. C'est ainsi que progressent la compréhension mutuelle, la joie de la fraternité humaine et pacifique, sous les yeux du Dieu Tout-Puissant, qui regarde tous les hommes qui sont sur la terre comme les fils de son amour. À travers les vicissitudes de la vie et de l'histoire, hommes et peuples se réjouissent de se retrouver tels que le Créateur les fit dans leur diversité, pour les conduire vers les triomphes de la paix et de la civilisation véritable. Monsieur le Président de la République Turque, – il Nous est très agréable de le répéter encore une fois – Nous sommes heureux de vous saluer ici à Rome et au Vatican. Nous avons appris pendant Notre séjour en Turquie une belle formule de salutation qu'on adresse à ceux qui partent ou continuent leur voyage : « Que Dieu te garde et que les roses fleurissent sur ton chemin ! » ! Permettez que, pour couronner la joie que Nous cause votre noble visite et pour faire revivre les chers souvenirs de Notre séjour prolongé sur les rives fleuries du Bosphore, et dans l'immense plateau d'Anatolie, Nous vous redisions dans votre langue maternelle, les invocations que Nous apprîmes et fîmes réciter jadis aux chrétiens de là-bas : « Que le bon Dieu soit béni ! Que son saint nom soit béni ! ». *Tanri mübarek olsun Aziz adi mübarek olsun* Nous prions Dieu de protéger le peuple Turc et Nous implorons de grand cœur sur lui et sur ses Gouvernants l'abondance des divines bénédictions. *Allah'tan Türk Milletinin muhafaza etmesini diler, gerek halkin gerek devletin idare makaminda bulunan Büyüklerinin takdis edilmesini de bütün kalbimizla arzu ederiz.*

[*Latin ed. p. 430*]

430 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE FEAST OF PENTECOST, FOR THE RADIO BROADCAST OF THE SEVEN VERSES OF THE HYMN ((COME, CREATOR SPIRIT)), WHICH HAVE BEEN SUNG AND EXPLAINED BY BISHOPS IN SEVEN OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CHURCHES THROUGHOUT EUROPE. * We rejoice, we congratulate, we praise, because, on this most sacred Feast of Pentecost, this gathering, transmitted through the airwaves, in a certain way recreates what happened in the Cenacle in Jerusalem, where the Apostles of Christ

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were inflamed with heavenly fire, and astonished those who had come from many regions of the world: "We heard them speaking in our own tongues the wonders of God." Throughout the lands of Christian Europe, in seven principal sacred buildings, the verses of the hymn ((Veni, Creator Spiritus)) have been sung, one after another, with fervent and pious melody. We are filled with joy: this is a new song, a song of charity, a song of victory attained, of union, of peace; these are the triumphs of God. Come, beloved, let us, remembering the wonders that the Most High has accomplished today, with one heart, with one voice, with the utmost devotion, let us praise the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity of God, O imitators of the blessed Zion, filled with the joys poured forth from heaven. Praise, honor, and thanksgiving to God, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, through whom all things, by whom all things, in whom all things. Sincerely professing our faith in the august and venerable Trinity, let us please Him in thought and deed, so that, innocent, chaste, and safe from snares, we may happily reach the shore of eternal life. Blessing and peace to all of you, and may the light and protection of God remain with you always. Amen. * On May 17th, in the year 1959. 1 Act. 2, 11.

[*Latin ed. p. 431*]

To the Faithful of Lusitania: Concerning the Monument to Jesus Christ, King, Erected Near Lisbon.

It fills Our paternal heart with the greatest joy to seize this opportunity, afforded by the solemn inauguration of the national monument to Christ the King, to express to the Portuguese people Our entire affection and benevolence. When We visited Fatima, We had the pleasure of admiring and appreciating the monument, which was then under construction, and which today is inaugurated before the entire Portuguese episcopate, both from within and beyond the seas, and the representatives of the Brazilian episcopate. This monument seeks to attest to the love and recognition of the entire nation for Christ the King, while simultaneously fulfilling a solemn vow made by the nation and the Church, at a propitious time, when Portugal was in imminent danger of being drawn into war. Therefore, We commend the Portuguese episcopate for so noble an undertaking, and We commend the National Commission and all, rich and poor, great and small, who have contributed, through their sacrifices and prayers, to the construction of the monument, thereby making possible this day of national thanksgiving.

May God continue to pour forth upon all of Portugal the abundance of His graces and favors. We bestow upon the entire beloved Portuguese people, who are today spiritually united with their supreme authorities, around the episcopate and the clergy, Our special and abundant Apostolic Blessing.

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Given on the 17th day of May, in the year 1959.

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ACTS OF THE HOLY CONGREGATIONS

SUPREME HOLY CONGREGATION OF THE SACRED OFFICE

DECREE

PROHIBITION OF BOOKS

Thursday, June 4, 1958

In the general session of the Supreme Holy Congregation of the Sacred Office, the Most Eminent and Reverend Lords Cardinals, entrusted with the safeguarding of faith and morals, after considering the opinion of the Consultors, condemned and ordered the following books, written by Henri Duméry, to be placed in the Index of Prohibited Books:

1. *Philosophie de la religion*, Presses Universitaires de France, Paris, 1957, 2 volumes;

2. *Critique et Religion*, Sedes, Paris, 1957;

3. *Le problème de Dieu en philosophie de la religion*, Desclée de Brouwer, Bruges, 1957;

4. *La Foi n'est pas un cri*, Casterman, Tournai, 1957.

On Friday, June 12 of the same month and year, the Most Holy Lord Pope Pius, by divine Providence, Pope XI, in an audience granted to the Most Eminent and Reverend Lord Cardinal, Pro-Secretary of the Sacred Office, approved the resolution of the Most Reverend Fathers and ordered it to be made public.

Given at Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Office, on June 17, 1958.

Arcturus De Jorio, Notary.

[*Latin ed. p. 433*]

The Sacred Consistorial Congregation 433.

SACRED CONSISTORIAL CONGREGATION

PROVISIONS CONCERNING CHURCHES.

Most Holy Lord Pope John, by Divine Providence, XXIII, having, through successive decrees of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, deigned to provide for the following churches with new pastors, namely:

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On February 28, 1959:

— To the titular bishopric of the Church of Hieritana, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Leon Biais, hitherto Bishop of Princip. Albertensis, whom He appointed as Auxiliary to His Eminence, the Most Reverend Paul Émile S. R. E. Cardinal Léger, Archbishop of Marianopolis.

— To the cathedral church of Princip. Albertensis, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Laurent Morin, hitherto titular Bishop of Arsamosatenum.

On March 13:

— To the titular bishopric of the Church of Sergentzensi, the Reverend Father Robert E. Tracy, from the archdiocese of Novae Aureliae, whom He appointed as Auxiliary to His Excellency, the Most Reverend Mauritius Schexnayder, Bishop of Lafayettensis.

On March 15:

— To the titular bishopric of the Church of Lycaonensi, the Reverend Father Henricus Jenny, Archpriest and Curate of St. James in the city commonly called Douai, of the archdiocese of Cameracensis, whom He appointed as Auxiliary to His Excellency, the Most Reverend Aemilius Guerry, Archbishop of Cameracensis.

On March 21:

— To the titular bishopric of the Church of Lamdiensi, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Evelius Diaz y Cia, hitherto Bishop of Pinetensem ad Flumen, whom He appointed as Auxiliary to His Eminence, the Most Reverend Emmanuel S. R. E. Cardinal Arteaga y Betancourt, Archbishop of S. Christophori de Habana, and Apostolic Administrator ad nutum S. Sedis of the archdiocese of S. Christophori de Habana.

On April 1:

— To the cathedral church of Our Lady of the Altagracia in Higüey, or Higueyensi, newly erected, the Reverend Father Ioannes Felix Pepén, Pro-Vicar of the Military Vicariate of the Dominican Republic.

On April 8:

— To the titular bishopric of the Church of Arethusiae, the Reverend Father Iacobus Guilhem, General Vicar of the archdiocese of Parisiensis, whom He appointed as Coadjutor with the right of succession to His Excellency, the Most Reverend Mauritius Pauli Rousseau, Bishop of Valleguidonensis.

[*Latin ed. p. 434*]

434 Acta Apostolicae Sedis – Official Commentary, April 11th. – To the Cathedral Church of Saint Charles in Ancudia, the Reverend Alexander Duran Moreira, Secretary and Chancellor of the Episcopal Curia of Rancagua. May 2nd. – To the titular Bishop of the Church of Tubula, the Reverend Alfred Bengsch, of the Diocese of Berlin, Professor at the

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Major Seminary of the city of Neuzell, whom he appointed as Auxiliary to the Most Reverend and Reverend Julius, Cardinal Doepfner, Bishop of Berlin. May 16th. – To the titular Bishop of the Church of Antiphera, the Reverend Father John J. Maguire, General Vicar of the Archdiocese of New York, whom he appointed as Auxiliary to the Most Reverend and Reverend Francis, Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York. – To the Cathedral Church of Brittinora, the Reverend Joseph Bonacini, Canon Theologian of the Cathedral Chapter of the Royal Church in Emilia and Rector of the Major Seminary of the same diocese. May 18th. – To the Metropolitan Church of Bogota, the Most Reverend Aloisius Concha, formerly Archbishop of Manizales. June 7th. – To the Cathedral Church of Andegavia, the Reverend Peter Veuillot, from the Archdiocese of Paris, Official of the Sacred Council, in charge of public affairs of the Church.

II. MONACENSIS AND FRISINGENSIS, AUGUSTANAE AND VINDELICORUM DECREE CONCERNING THE CHANGE OF BORDERS OF DIOCESES.

For the better consultation of the good of souls, the Most Reverend and Reverend Lord, Joseph, Cardinal Wendel, Archbishop of Munich and Freising, and the Most Reverend Lord, Joseph Freundorfer, Bishop of Augsburg, had requested from the Apostolic See that the territory of the estate of the Lord Joseph Scherm, a farmer in Ottelsburg, belonging to the parish of Langenpettenbach in the Archdiocese of Munich and Freising, be separated from the aforementioned parish and added to the parish of Pipinsried in the Diocese of Augsburg. Furthermore, this Sacred Congregation Consistorial, having received the favorable opinion of the Most Reverend Lord Aloisius Joseph Muench, Archbishop and Bishop of Fargens,

[*Latin ed. p. 435*]

The Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, 435. The Apostolic Nuncio in Germany, by virtue of the special faculties granted to him by His Most Holy Lord Pope John, by the Divine Providence, XXIII, having considered the circumstances and received the petitions, has decided to grant them with benevolence. Therefore, by the authority of the present Decree, the aforementioned Sacred Consistorial Congregation decrees that the aforementioned territory of Joseph Scherm shall be separated from the archdioceses of Munich and Freising, and shall be added to the diocese of Augsburg, as requested. To carry out these matters, the aforementioned Sacred Consistorial Congregation appoints the aforementioned Apostolic Nuncio, granting him the necessary and appropriate faculties, and also the power to delegate, for the purpose in question, any man holding an ecclesiastical office, to perform the assigned task, and, when it is permissible, to send to the same Sacred Consistorial Congregation an authentic copy of the completed execution. Given in Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, on the 21st of April, 1959. [Signature]

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Marcelius Card. Mimmi, Bishop of Sabina and Monden, Prefect of the Secretariat. [Signature] Joseph Ferretto, Archbishop of Serdica, Secretary.

SACRED CONGREGATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

DECREE CONCERNING THE ALTERATION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE APOSTOLIC VICARIATES

In order that the Catholic faith may be more effectively spread in certain territories of New Guinea, petitions have been presented to this Sacred Congregation to alter the boundaries between the Apostolic Vicariate of Aitape and the Apostolic Vicariate of Vevak, with the intention that in the future, the boundaries of the aforementioned Vicariates shall be the same as the boundaries of the subdistricts.

[*Latin ed. p. 436*]

436 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale. Maprik, in the Vicariate Apostolic of Vevak, and Lumi, in the Vicariate Apostolic of Aitape. Therefore, the new boundaries of these Vicariates will be: the line of the eastern 143° meridian, up to the latitude of 3° 25′ south, and from this intersection point, a straight line westward to the longitude of 142° 45′, then a diagonal line to the latitude of 3° 40′, finally, a line along the longitude of 142° 37′ up to the Sepik River, and then to the boundaries of the Vicariate Apostolic of Port Moresby. Having received these petitions, the aforementioned Sacred Congregation of Propaganda Fide, by virtue of the special faculties granted to it by His Most Holy Father, Pope John Divine Providence XXIII, by the present Decree establishes that the boundaries of the Vicariates Apostolic of Vevak and Aitape shall be changed according to what has been explained above. Given at Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda Fide, on the 15th day of the month of May, in the year of Our Lord 1959. G. P. Card. AGAGIANIAN, Pro-Prefect. L. rB S. f P. Sigismondi, Archbishop titular of Neapolis in Pisidia, from the Secretariat.

[*Latin ed. p. 437*]

Sacra Romana 437 Rota ACTA TRIBUNALIUM

SACRA ROMANA ROTA

Citation Edlictale

CAUSA DE NULLITATE MATRIMONII (TYBURSKI - KOLODZIEJ)

Cum ignoratur locus actualis commorationis Dominae Helenae Kolodziej, in causa conventae, eandem citamus ad comparendum, sive per se sive per

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procuratorem legitime constitutum, in sede Tribunalis S. R. Rotae (Roma, Palazzo della Cancelleria) die 6 Octobris 1959, hora 10, ad disputandum de dubio concordando, vel ad infrascriptum subscribendum et ad diem designandam, qua habebitur turnus pro causae definitione.

An Sententia Rotalis diei 3 Maii 1958 confirmanda vel infirmanda sit, in casu.

Ordinarii locorum, parochi, sacerdotes et fideles quicumque notitiam habentes de loco commorationis praedictae Dominae Helenae Kolodziej curare debent, ut de hac edictali citatione ipsa moneatur.

* Ioannes Maria Pinna, Ponens

Ex Cancellaria Tribunalis S. R. Rotae, die 2 Iunii a. 1959.

C. Pezzicara, Notarius

Since the current place of residence of Madame Hélène Kolodziej, defendant in this cause, is unknown, we summon her to appear, either in person or through a duly appointed attorney, at the seat of the Tribunal of the Sacred Roman Rota (Rome, Palazzo della Cancelleria) on October 6, 1959, at 10 o'clock, to resolve the doubt mentioned below, or to subscribe to it, and to set the date for the decision of the cause before the Rota.

Should the decision of the Rota of May 3, 1958, be confirmed or overturned in this case?

The ordinaries of the places, the pastors, the priests, and the faithful who have knowledge of the place of residence of the aforementioned Hélène Kolodziej, should, insofar as possible, inform her of this citation.

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ROMAN CURIA DIARY

Monday, May 18, 1959, the Holy Father received in a solemn Audience their Excellencies, Professor BELLUZZI MARINO BENEDETTO and Mr. BIORDI AGOSTINO, Captains Regent of the Most Serene Republic of San Marino.

Friday, May 22, 1959, the Holy Father received in a solemn Audience their Majesties, King PAUL and Queen FREDERICA, Sovereigns of Greece.

Thursday, June 11, 1959, the Holy Father received in a solemn Audience His Excellency, CELİL BAYAR, President of the Republic of Turkey.

SECRETARY OF STATE

APPOINTMENTS

By an Apostolic Bull dated March 25, 1959, the Holy Father, John XXIII, reigning happily, deigned to appoint the Most Reverend Cardinal Copello

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Giacomo Luigi, as Chancellor of the Holy Roman Church.

By Apostolic Briefs, the Holy Father, John XXIII, reigning happily, deigned to appoint:

March 14, 1959; April 1, 1959.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Monsignor Siino Salvatore, titular Archbishop of Perge, Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines.

The Most Reverend Cardinal Aloisi Masella Benedetto, Protector of the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd (Angers, France).

[*Latin ed. p. 439*]

Diary, April 1, 10, 27, 1959. Roman Curia, 439.

His Eminence and Reverend Lord Cardinal Jullien Andrea, Protector of the "Religious of the Infant Jesus" (Chauffailles, Autun).

His Eminence and Reverend Lord Cardinal Cento Fernando, Protector of the Order of Discalced Carmelites.

His Eminence and Reverend Lord Cardinal Montini Giovanni Battista, Protector of the Sisters Daughters of Saint Eusebius (Vercelli).

His Eminence and Reverend Lord Cardinal O'Hara Giovanni, Protector of the "Sisters of Saint Francis" (Williamsville, N.Y.).

His Eminence and Reverend Lord Cardinal Ottaviani Alfredo, Protector of the Sisters Ministers of the Sick (Lucca).

By letters from the Secretariat of State, the Most Holy Father, John XXIII, happily reigning, deigned to appoint:

Chamberlains of Honour, extraordinary to His Holiness:

February 12, 1959.

Most Reverend Monsignor Meca Alfredo, of the diocese of Bragança Paulista.

Most Reverend Monsignor Gonçalves Giuseppe del Patrocinio, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Kurschewisk Alfonso, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Felice Tito Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Nacke Onorio Enrico, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Bérni Valentino, of the diocese of Cortona.

Most Reverend Monsignor McCullough Edoardo, of the diocese of Dallas-Fort Worth.

Most Reverend Monsignor Becker Francesco, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Micola Vincenzo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Charcut Paolo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Daly Antonio, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Wieweit Giovanni, of the same diocese.

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Most Reverend Monsignor Wolf Vincenzo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Hartnett Donald, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Erbrick Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Gamsaragan Giovanni, of the Patriarchate of Cilicia of the Armenians.

Most Reverend Monsignor Maone Gaetano, of the diocese of Cariati.

Most Reverend Monsignor Torregrosa Saiz Antonio, of the diocese of Albacete.

Most Reverend Monsignor Barlea Ottaviano, of the Archdiocese of Fägäras.

Most Reverend Monsignor Noirot Marcello, of the diocese of Saint-Claude.

Most Reverend Monsignor Chaloner Francesco, of the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

Most Reverend Monsignor Curry Lorenzo, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Whitty Pietro, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Taylor Cirillo, of the same Archdiocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 440*]

440 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale, 12 Februarii, 1959.

Dom. Parkus Iacobus, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Dom. Jacksonus Carolus, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Dom. McKenna Thomas, ex eadem archidioecesi.

17. Dom. Gallagherius Iosephus Mattheus, ex dioecesi Sancti Ioannis in Canada.

Dom. Churchill Duffie Donaldus, ex eadem dioecesi.

Dom. San Martinus Iuaristi Iosephus, ex dioecesi Sancti Sebastiani.

Dom. Coimbra De Albuquerque Iacobus T., ex dioecesi Campos.

Dom. Barra Thomas, ex dioecesi Ivreae.

19. Dom. Vieira-Coelho Antonius, ex dioecesi Caratingae.

Dom. De Araujo Iosephus Paulus, ex eadem dioecesi.

Dom. Bachhiesl Franciscus, ex dioecesi Gurk.

Dom. Kirchner Franciscus, ex eadem dioecesi.

Dom. Lamprechtus Ioannes, ex eadem dioecesi.

Dom. Wheatley Iosephus Leo, ex archidioecesi Louisville.

Dom. O'Bryan Iosephus Ludovicus, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Dom. Steinhauser Alfredus Gulielmus, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Dom. Treece Raimundus Iosephus, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Dom. Allgeier Iosephus Laurentius, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Dom. McKune Ioannes Gulielmus, ex eadem archidioecesi.

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21. Dom. Hendry Reginaldus, ex dioecesi Argyll et Insulis.

Dom. O'Neill Michael, ex dioecesi Plymouth.

Dom. O'Neill Brendanus Kevin, ex dioecesi Lancaster.

Dom. Monaghanus Ioannes, ex eadem dioecesi.

Dom. De Souza Iosephus Camillus, ex dioecesi Januariae.

Dom. Florisval Montalvao Ioannes, ex eadem dioecesi.

Dom. Sullivanus Daniel, ex archidioecesi Los Angeles.

Dom. Trower Harry, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Dom. Hawkes Beniaminus, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Dom. Zazzara Ioannes, ex archidioecesi Philadelphiae.

Dom. Dall Norbertus, ex dioecesi La Crosse.

Dom. Finucan Iacobus, ex eadem dioecesi.

Dom. Wagener Antonius, ex eadem dioecesi.

Dom. Gaston Gastunus, ex dioecesi Luconis.

Dom. Marx Nicolaus, ex archidioecesi Portus Alegre.

Dom. Frank Andreas Petrus, ex eadem archidioecesi.

Dom. Seger Iacobus, ex eadem archidioecesi.

[*Latin ed. p. 441*]

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Most Reverend Monsignor Wagner Germano, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Lottermann Emilio, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Becker Giuseppe, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Etges Alberto Federico, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Fontana Attilio, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Mueller Edmondo, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Mezgar Luigi, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Planner Francesco, of the Archdiocese of Prague.

Most Reverend Monsignor Mejia y Vilchez Enrico Ottavio, of the Diocese of Granada.

Most Reverend Monsignor Don Pietro, of the Archdiocese of Colombo in Ceylon.

Most Reverend Monsignor Garcerant Francesco, of the Archdiocese of Cartagena.

Most Reverend Monsignor Turk Luigi, of the Archdiocese of Belgrade.

Most Reverend Monsignor Padmasepoetra Giovanni, of the Apostolic Vicariate of Semarang.

Most Reverend Monsignor Nicola Giovanni Battista, of the Archdiocese

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of Vercelli.

Most Reverend Monsignor Cerro Salvatore, of the Diocese of Pontecorvo.

Most Reverend Monsignor Alves Bras Gioacchino, of the Diocese of Guarda.

Most Reverend Monsignor Da Silva Saraiva Giovanni Antonio, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Ansah Giorgio, of the Archdiocese of Cape Coast.

Most Reverend Monsignor Layode Lorenzo, of the Archdiocese of Lagos.

Most Reverend Monsignor Oni Giulio, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Erameh Giuseppe, of the Diocese of Benin City.

Most Reverend Monsignor Mezzacapo Paolo, of the Archdiocese of Capua.

Most Reverend Monsignor Forgione Raffaele, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Anastasio Leandro, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Catone Carmine, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Feola Marco, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Angelini Bernardo, of the Diocese of Foligno.

Most Reverend Monsignor Botti-Veglia Giuseppe, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Buono Ernesto, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Ferri Gino, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Spuntarelli Guglielmo, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Forte Beniamino, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Ottaviani Ottavio, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Maffei Tullio, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Lanna Angelo, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Gòncalves Raul Nicola, of the Archdiocese of Goa.

Most Reverend Monsignor Cordeiro Cosma Giuseppe Feliciano, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Godinho Massimo Giovanni Antonio, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Rosa Rebelo Ignazio Francesco, of the same Archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Monsignor Gomes Catäo Francesco Saverio, of the same

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Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Mlesquita Serafico Antonio Pietro, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Costa Remigio Giovanni Giuseppe Da Graça, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Godinho Antonio Benedetto Francesco Da Resurreiçâo, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Godinbo Antonio Gaetano Mceforo, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Monteiro Sebastiano Francesco Saverio Dos Remedios, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Melo Giuseppe Francesco Domenico Das Merces, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Abreu Giuseppe Leandro, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Pereira Aniceto Maria di Gesù, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Bonomo Guglielmo, of the Archdiocese of São Paulo in Brazil.

Most Reverend Monsignor Borges Genesio, of the Diocese of Uberaba.

Most Reverend Monsignor Dos Santos Edoardo Antonio, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Bolwin Giacomo, of the Diocese of Berlin.

Most Reverend Monsignor Coppenrath Alberto, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Fiedler Massimiliano, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Fussel Francesco, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Hanus Francesco, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Hasse Felice, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Pitzki Enrico, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Radek Federico, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Schwerdtfeger Bernardo, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor von Unold Giorgio, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Forster Carlo, of the Diocese of Regensburg.

Most Reverend Monsignor Fraccari Luigi, of the Diocese of Verona.

Most Reverend Monsignor Heinrich Kurt, of the "nullius" Prelature of Schneidemuhl.

Most Reverend Monsignor Blascke Paolo, of the Diocese of Münster.

Most Reverend Monsignor Decking Giuseppe, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Dierkes Florenzio, of the same Diocese.

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Most Reverend Monsignor Gillmann Guglielmo, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Monsignor Holling Teodoro, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Monsignor Hugenroth Agostino, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Monsignor Jürgens Stefano, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Monsignor Kochs Antonio, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Monsignor Laakmann Ernesto, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Monsignor Lanfermann Enrico, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Monsignor Lilie Guglielmo, of the same Diocese.
Most Reverend Monsignor Limberg Enrico, of the same Diocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 443*]

Diarium Romanae Curiae 443, 26 Februarii, 1959.
Dom Lucke Adolfo, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Morthorst Franciscus, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Quiel Ioannes, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Bicking Ioannes, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Roer Henricus, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Roth Henricus, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Ratten Felix, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Schmitz Iosephus, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Schulte Franciscus, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Surmann Henricus, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Tenspolde Iosephus, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Volkmann Gulielmus, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Wahning Alexander, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Wittrup Ludovicus, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Stachnik Richardus, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Andretto Faustus, ex dioecesi Adriae.
Martius.
Dom Balduin Aldus, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Barbieri Rudolphus, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Cazzuffi Cornelius, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Giavarrini Fortunatus, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Giusberti Ennius, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Baisi Antonius, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom De Franceschi Nicolaus, ex dioecesi suburbicaria Albani.
Dom Guerrucci Caesar, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Cenciarelli Monaldus, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Massaccesi Valerius, ex eadem dioecesi.

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Dom Badii Gasparus, ex dioecesi Arezzo.
Dom Cecchi Ludovicus, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Conti Nilus, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Coradini Franciscus, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Ginestroni Petrus, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Girolami Cyrus, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Giusti Augustinus Laurentius, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Guerri Victor, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Magnini Antonius, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Tinti Ottavius, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Severi Petrus, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Scapecchi Angelus, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Grossi Petrus, ex dioecesi Cagli.
Dom Ponte Thomas, ex dioecesi Acqui.
Dom Galliano Ioannes, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Striano Vincentius, ex dioecesi Nocera dei Pagani.
Dom Vicedomini Vincentius, ex eadem dioecesi.
Dom Rebouças de Moura Petrus, ex archidioecesi Natalis.
Dom Sobral de Medeiros Espeditus, ex eadem archidioecesi.

[*Latin ed. p. 444*]

Acta 444, March 3rd.

Apostolic See - Official Commentary, 1959.

Most Reverend Fernandes de Melo Alair Vilar, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend De Freitas Vincenzo, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Fernandes de Negreiros Emerson Deodato, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Da Silva Gioacchino Onorio, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Flamini Marino, of the Diocese of Osimo and Cingoli.

Most Reverend Scocco Giovanni, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Grillantini Carlo, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Baldini Augusto, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Fazi Mario, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Santoni Eugenio, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Jegiani Nazzareno, of the same Diocese.

Secret Chamberlains *in commendam* of the Sword and Cape of His Holiness: February 12, 1959.

The Marquis De Bideran De Beraud Giacomo, of the Diocese of Agen.

Mr. Huffer Ermanno Carlo, of the Archdiocese of New York.

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Mr. Walsh Giacomo, of the Archdiocese of Westminster.

Mr. Utley Giacomo Domenico, of the same Archdiocese.

Count Colonna Czosnowski Leone, of the same Archdiocese.

Mr. Eyston Giorgio Tommaso, of the same Archdiocese.

Mr. Hood Aroldo, of the same Archdiocese.

Mr. O'Brien Roberto Alfredo, of the same Archdiocese.

The Marquis Mattei Antonio, of the same Archdiocese.

Count De Galen Francesco, of the Diocese of Münster.

Count De Galen Cristoforo Bernardo, of the same Diocese.

Baron De Twickel Rodolfo, of the same Diocese.

Count Droste Vischering Giorgio, of the same Diocese.

Mr. Eaves Riccardo, of the Diocese of Lancaster.

Mr. Fitzherbert Brockholes Giovanni, of the same Diocese.

Mr. Walmsley Guglielmo, of the same Diocese.

Baron von Boeselager Ermanno, of the Archdiocese of Cologne.

Mr. Spalding Hughes, of the Diocese of Atlanta.

Mr. Haverty Clarenzio, of the same Diocese.

Mr. De Urquijo Olano Ignazio, of the Diocese of Bilbao.

Mr. De Barros Saldanha, Viscount of Santarem, Emanuele Francesco, of the Patriarchate of Lisbon.

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Diarium Romanum, March 3, 7, 17, 21, 10, 5. Curia, 445, March 1959.

The following individuals were appointed:

Mr. Lucheschi, Peter Maria Lucheschi, of the diocese of Vittorio Veneto.

Prince Lobkowicz, Erwin, of the diocese of Augsburg.

Baron De Wrede, Giuseppe, of the archdiocese of Paderborn.

Mr. Neubauer, Francesco Biccardo, of the same archdiocese.

Mr. De Navarro, Giuseppe Maria, of the archdiocese of Birmingham.

Mr. Gonzales Lasa, Pietro, of the diocese of Bilbao.

Mr. Schnyder von Wartensee, Giovanni, of the diocese of Basel.

Noble Catalano, Antonino, of the family of the Lords of the Market of Melilli, of the archdiocese of Catania.

Noble von Peter, Egon, of the archdiocese of Trent.

Mr. Carroll, Vincenzo, of the archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Mr. Gallagher, Giuseppe, of the same archdiocese.

Mr. Horstmann, Ignazio, of the same archdiocese.

Mr. McCloskey, Matteo, of the same archdiocese.

Mr. McGranery, Giacomo, of the same archdiocese.

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Mr. McShain, Giovanni, of the same archdiocese.

April:

Count Di Castelbarco Albani, Aldrighetto, of the archdiocese of Milan.

Marquis Bappini, Giorgio Edoardo, of the archdiocese of Genoa.

Count Von Und Zu Hoensbroech, Eugenio, of the archdiocese of Cologne.

May:

Marquis Marini Clarelli, Angelo (Boma).

Honorary Chamberlains, admitted before His Holiness on February 2, 1959:

Monsignor Cesca, Carlo, of the patriarchate of Venice.

Monsignor De Perini, Luigi, of the same patriarchate.

Monsignor Silvestrini, Francesco, of the same patriarchate.

Monsignor De Biasi, Luigi, of the diocese of Treviso.

Monsignor Favero Fabris, Mario, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Lombardi, Luigi, of the diocese of Cortona.

Monsignor Materazzi, Giovanni, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Tacconi, Benato, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Gabrielli, Giuseppe, of the diocese of Sovana-Pitigliano.

Monsignor Egerbacher, Giuseppe, of the diocese of Gurk.

Monsignor Lex, Giovanni, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Bainer, Ottone, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Schmutz, Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Schreiber, Giovanni, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Zimolin, Giovanni, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Federici, Emidio, of the suburbicarian diocese of Albano.

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Most Reverend John Maria Concina, of the diocese of Concordia.

Most Reverend John Maria Benito Balen, of the archdiocese of Porto Alegre.

Most Reverend Uberto Leiwering, of the diocese of Münster.

Most Reverend Giuseppe Leufkens, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend William Nielbock, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend William Portmann, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Walter Roer, of the same diocese.

March 3.

Most Reverend Anthony Forcina, of the archdiocese of Gaeta.

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Most Reverend Peter Santantonio, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Louis Dies, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Paul Capobianco, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Peter Medici, of the diocese of Recanati.

Most Reverend Marcello Sbardella, of the suburbicarian diocese of Palestrina.

March 7.

Most Reverend Joseph Kunstmann, of the diocese of Augsburg.

Most Reverend Anthony Luible, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend John Nepomucene Nar, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Joseph Natale Pregliasco, of the diocese of Mondovì.

Most Reverend John Roattino, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Leopold Hofinger, of the diocese of Sant'Ippolito.

Most Reverend Rudolph Brauneis, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend John Pitti, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Charles Godt, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Anthony Hobbiger, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend George Hofbauer, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Francis Rauscher, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Adolph Sabelko, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Francis Waltenberger, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Rudolph Winglhofer, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Anthony Haller, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend John Pragerstorfer, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Agapito Tacchi, of the archdiocese of Urbino.

Most Reverend Telesforo Biondelli, of the same archdiocese.

March 17.

Most Reverend Carmelo Gresti, of the diocese of Acireale.

Most Reverend Concetto Fichera, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Joseph Crapio, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Michele Cosentino, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Mariano Fiorini, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Bosario Cannavo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend John Birelli, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend John Finocchiaro, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Augustine Leonardi, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Joshua Russo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Rosario Marano, of the same diocese.

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Most Reverend Francis Leotta, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Reinold Purakal, of the diocese of Alleppey.

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Diarium Romanae Curiae 17, March, April 1959.

Most Reverend Father Pietro Farina, of the diocese of Imola.

Most Reverend Father Cesare Giacometti, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Father Francesco Gianstefani, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Father Sante Monti, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Father Sebastiano Naldi, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Father Alipio Ruina, of the diocese of Orvieto.

Most Reverend Father Giuseppe Stella, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Father Aurelio Toriz, of the archdiocese of Angelopoli.

Most Reverend Father Giuseppe Guerra, of the archdiocese of Bari.

Most Reverend Father Carlo Grazioli, of the archdiocese of Fermo.

Most Reverend Father Giovanni Herczeg, of the apostolic administration of Burgenland.

Most Reverend Father Giovanni Lex, of the same apostolic administration.

Most Reverend Father Giuseppe Michl, of the same apostolic administration.

Most Reverend Father Guglielmo Grafi, of the same apostolic administration.

Most Reverend Father Martino Mersich, of the same apostolic administration.

Most Reverend Father Paolo Petscho witsch, of the same apostolic administration.

Most Reverend Father Giovanni Pilles, of the same apostolic administration.

Most Reverend Father Pietro Baldassi, of the archdiocese of Udine.

Most Reverend Father Guglielmo Biasutti, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Father Ermenegildo Bosco, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Father Pietro Damiani, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Father Lorenzo Dassi, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Father Corrado Fadini, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Father Giuseppe Grosso, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Father Davide Noacco, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Father Vittorio Tonello, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Father Orazio Stella, of the archdiocese of Barletta.

Most Reverend Father Alfonso Masiello, of the abbey of Monte Vergine,

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of the jurisdiction "nullius."

Honorary Chaplains *extra urbem* of His Holiness: 7, March, April 1959.

Most Reverend Father Guido Gasbarrone, of the diocese of Priverno.

Most Reverend Father Luigi Palla, of the archdiocese of Udine.

Honorary Knights of the Sword and Cape of His Holiness: 14, March, April 1959.

Mr. Nicola Boceo, of the archdiocese of Naples.

Mr. Emanuele Gonzales de la Peña y Alonso Fernández, of the archdiocese of Seville.

Mr. Francesco Carrillo Guerrero, of the diocese of Madrid.

[*Latin ed. p. 448*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale 448, 21 Martii, 10 Aprilis 1959.

Dominus Andrea Camera, ex archidioecesi Neapolitana.

Dominus Giuseppe Cavazzana, ex dioecesi Tortonensi.

Cappellani secreti honoris Sanctitatis: 19 Februarii 1959.

17 Februarii.

4 Martii.

Martius.

Aprilis.

Dominus Giovanni Hornbock, ex dioecesi Gurkensi.

Dominus Albino Hudovernig, ex eadem dioecesi.

Dominus Giuseppe Kanduth, ex eadem dioecesi.

Dominus Giovanni Cruciani, ex dioecesi Orvietensi.

Dominus Girolamo Montini, ex eadem dioecesi.

Dominus Francesco Wasner, ex archidioecesi Salisburgensi.

Dominus Albino Galletti, ex archidioecesi Udensi.

Cappellani honoris extra urbem Sanctitatis: 3 Februarii 1959.

Dominus Raffaele Mele, ex dioecesi San Severensi.

21 Martii.

Dominus Pasquale Camera, ex archidioecesi Amalfitana.

Dominus Gregorio De Stefano, ex eadem archidioecesi.

4 Aprilis.

Dominus Angelo Zanini, ex archidioecesi Udensi.

HONORES:

Per Brevia Apostolica, Sanctissimus Pater Ioannes XXIII, feliciter regnans, dignatus est conferre:

Ordinem Speronis Aurei: 29 Aprilis 1959.

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Ad Maiestatem Pauli, Regem Helladarum.

Collarem Ordinis Piani: 11 Iunii 1959.

Ad S. E. Celai Bayar, Praesidem Republicae Turcicae.

[*Latin ed. p. 449*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis, Commentary, Official, Volume LI, 18 July 1959 (Series III, Volume I) - No. 9.

ACTA OF POPE JOHN XXIII. APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTIONS: *TANANARIVENSIS* (CONCERNING DIEGO SUAREZ AND OTHERS) IN THE ISLAND OF MADAGASCAR, TWO NEW ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCES ARE ESTABLISHED, NAMED: "DIEGO SUAREZ" AND "FIANARANTSOAENSIS"; FURTHERMORE, THE APOSTOLIC PREFECTURE OF TSIROANOMANDIDY IS RAISED TO THE RANK OF A DIOCESE.

JOHN, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE EVERLASTING MEMORY:

It is by the most benign will of God that We have been raised to the supreme office of the Church, so that We may serve the needs of the entire flock and nourish it sincerely with the food of truth. In this, both in mind and in spirit, We are wholly intent on providing, as far as We are able, whatever We know to be good for the Christian people.

Since prayers have been offered to this Apostolic See for a new arrangement of ecclesiastical affairs on the Island of Madagascar, and We judge that this can contribute to the growth of the Christian faith, after hearing Our venerable Brothers, the Most Holy Cardinals, and after consulting with the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, We deem it necessary to proceed with the following. Therefore, with the consent...

[*Latin ed. p. 450*]

450 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary on all those who in this matter have some right, by Our apostolic authority We establish and command the following. We divide the ecclesiastical province of Tananarive, which until now encompassed all the dioceses of the island of Madagascar, so that there shall now be three ecclesiastical provinces entirely within the same island: Tananarive, namely, Fianarantsoa, and Diego Suarez; moreover, We elevate the apostolic prefecture of Tsiroanomandidy to the rank of a diocese, without changing its name or boundaries; of which diocese the city of Tsiroanomandidy will be the seat and the residence of the Bishop, and the cathedral, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary of Ransom, will be located in that same city. The ecclesiastical province of Tananarive will include the following churches: Tananarive itself, Antsirabe, Miarinarivo, Tamatave, and the new diocese of Tsiroanomandidy. The second province, which is Fianarantsoa, will consist of the following churches: the diocese of the same name, Arc de Delphin,

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Morondava, Farafangana, and Tulear. The third province will comprise the following: Diego Suarez, Majunga, and Ambanja. Of all these churches, Tananarive, Fianarantsoa, and Diego Suarez will be metropolitan sees, the others will be suffragan sees, with the rights and honors due to them; and We impose obligations upon the prelates who will administer these new jurisdictions, together with the rights appropriate to their dignity. Among these rights and honors, it is fitting to mention that they may carry a cross before them in sacred ceremonies, or wear the pallium, within the boundaries of their respective provinces, provided that they obtain this in the sacred Consistory. Similarly, the Bishop of Tsiroanomandidy will have his own rights and obligations. As for the archdioceses of Fianarantsoa and Diego Suarez, We deem it fitting that Xavier Thoyer and John Wolff, who have been the Bishops of each of them until now, should govern them with metropolitan dignity; to whom We grant full administration, both of religious affairs and of the goods that the archdioceses possess. The Bishop of the new diocese of Tsiroanomandidy should endeavor to establish at least an elementary seminary, and, if possible, a college of canons; if this cannot be done, he should choose diocesan consultants who can assist with counsel. The episcopal table of the diocese will consist of: the goods that have been held by the apostolic prefecture until now, if any; the money that the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith is accustomed to send; and the revenues of the curia. Finally, all matters pertaining to the governance of the diocese, such as the election of a Vicarious Capitular when the see is vacant, and similar matters concerning the clergy and the people, shall be governed entirely by common law. Furthermore, We wish that the venerable Brother Marcellus Lefebvre, Archbishop of Dakar, carry out what We command in these Letters.

[*Latin ed. p. 451*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, page 451, and concerning the Apostolic Delegate appointed for the Gallic Africa, that he may diligently fulfill his duties, whether by himself or through a legate, provided that he is established in ecclesiastical dignity. When these matters have been brought to completion, he shall take care to draw up documents, and copies thereof, faithfully written, shall be promptly sent to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. If, at that time, another presides over the same Delegation, he shall carry out these instructions. We desire that these letters be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those to whom they pertain shall religiously observe what has been decreed therein, and thus obtain their full effect. No prescriptions of any kind shall be able to oppose the effectiveness of these letters, since through these letters we abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to

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anyone to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person established in ecclesiastical dignity, and which have been signed by a public notary, shall be held to be entirely valid, just as if they were presented. Whoever in any way disregards or rejects Our decrees in general, let him know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the eleventh day of the month of December, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, in the first year of Our pontificate. For His Holiness: Dominic, Cardinal Tardini; Peter, Cardinal Fumasoni Biondi, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation *de Propaganda Fide*; Hamletus Tondini, Regent of the Apostolic Chancery; Franciscus Hannibal Ferretti, Apostolic Protonotary; Bernardus De Felicis, Apostolic Protonotary; *Loco ffi Plumbi In Ap. Cane. Tab., vol. XCIX, n. 64.*

[*Latin ed. p. 452*]

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CONCERNING THE DIOCESE OF LIBEROPOLIS, WHICH, BY METROPOLITAN RIGHT, WAS SEPARATED FROM THE SEAT OF BRAZZAPOLIS, AND FROM WHICH A NEW ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE IS ESTABLISHED, TO BE CALLED ((LIBEROPOLIS)).

IOANNES, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD,

FOR THE PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE of that supreme office which, by the most wise counsel of God, has been entrusted to Us, We deem it fitting to arrange the affairs of all dioceses in such a way, according to the circumstances of times and events, that the Christian law may be more and more effectively promulgated among men, and that they may more abundantly enjoy the benefits of heavenly grace.

Therefore, since it has seemed most fitting to the venerable Brother Marcello Lefebvre, Archbishop of Dakar and Apostolic Delegate in French Africa, that the diocese of Liberopolis should be elevated to the rank and dignity of an archiepiscopal seat, and that a new ecclesiastical province should be established there, and since he has earnestly requested that this be done by this Apostolic See, We, with the counsel of Our venerable Brothers, the Most Reverend Cardinals, Prefects of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, supplementing the consent of those who have any right in this matter, by Our supreme authority, decree and order the following:

We establish a new ecclesiastical province, to be called Liberopolis, consisting of the dioceses of Liberopolis, which, by metropolitan right, was separated from the seat of Brazzapolis, and of the diocese of Muila. This province shall have the same boundaries as the dioceses from which it is

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formed.

Furthermore, We adorn the seat of Liberopolis with the title and dignity of an archiepiscopal metropolitanate, granting it all the rights and privileges with which seats of the same rank are commonly endowed; and We decree that the diocese of Muila shall be subordinate to it, and that its bishop shall be subject to the Metropolitan of Liberopolis.

Moreover, We instruct the Sacred Prelate of Liberopolis, that is, the venerable Brother Ioannes Hieronymus Adam, and his successors, with the rank and insignia of an Archbishop Metropolitan, together with the rights and privileges, offices, and obligations proper to that rank.

We grant him the power to carry the cross before him, within the boundaries of his province, and to bear the pallium, after he has duly requested it in a public Consistory.

[*Latin ed. p. 453*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII, 453, and shall obtain [the desired outcome]. All these things will be carried out by the venerable Brother, the Apostolic Delegate in French Africa, whom we mentioned, to whom we grant all the powers necessary for this purpose, which may be delegated to any man, if it should be necessary, provided that he is constituted in ecclesiastical dignity, and we impose the obligation to draw up documents of the completed work and to send copies thereof to the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith as soon as possible. If, however, at the time when these things are to be carried out, another person presides over the Delegation in French Africa, he will bear the same burdens and enjoy the same powers. We intend these Letters to be effective now and in the future; so that those to whom they pertain may religiously observe what has been decreed therein, and thus obtain their full effect. No prescriptions of any kind can be contrary to the effectiveness of these Letters, since by these Letters we derogate from all others. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, no one is permitted to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these Letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a man constituted in ecclesiastical dignity and are signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented. Let anyone who disregards or in any way rejects Our decrees know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the eleventh day of the month of December, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, in the first year of Our pontificate. For His Holiness: R. E. [Cardinal] Cancellario DOMINICUS Card. TARDINI PETRUS Card. FUMASONI BIONDI, Prefect of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, Hamletus Tondini, Regent of the Apostolic Chancery,

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Franciscus H. Ferretti, Apostolic Protonotary, Albertus Serafini, Apostolic Protonotary, [and] Loco [name unclear], in the Apostolic Chancery, tab., vol. XCIX, n. 100.

[*Latin ed. p. 454*]

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CHIHUAHUAN: A CANONICAL COLLEGE IS ESTABLISHED IN THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHIHUAHUA.

JOHN, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE.

Since the Most Reverend Archbishop of Chihuahua requested from this Apostolic See that a Canonical College be established in his Church, and since the Holy Consistorial Congregation, after having previously granted us the necessary faculties, having heard the Most Reverend Aloysius Raimondi, Archbishop with the title of Tarsus, and Apostolic Delegate in the Mexican Prefecture, and having considered the petitions presented, we, having approved all these matters, by our apostolic authority, decree and order the following:

We establish a body of Canons in the metropolitan cathedral of Chihuahua, which shall consist of six Canons and two Prebends, as they are called. Of these Canons, one shall be adorned with the dignity of Archdeacon, another shall be designated for the office of Theologian, a third for the office of Penitentiary, charged with expiating the sins of the people, and a fourth shall serve as Administrator.

Concerning the choral habit, as well as the insignia of both the Archdeacon and the Canons, we decree, according to the custom of Canonical Colleges in the Mexican Prefecture, that they may wear the following: for the choral habit, a violet subcollar, a black vestment with violet trimming, violet buttons and ocelli, a violet silk sash, with violet and silk fringes; a red rocheto with cuffs, covered with a network; a black biretta with a violet tassel, and a red mozeta of wool, without a hood, with a red lining; and outside the choir, within the boundaries of their own archdiocese, they may wear what is called the "Pian," namely, a violet subcollar, a black vestment with violet trimming, violet buttons and ocelli, violet shoes, a violet silk sash, and a black talar pallium.

The assignment of these dignities shall be at the discretion of the Apostolic See; the other benefices shall be conferred according to the laws.

Since the archdiocese of Chihuahua suffers from a lack of priests, we believe that the dignity of Archdeacon, or a Canonry, or a Mansionaryship, as they are called, may also be conferred upon priests who already enjoy some other benefice, even if it is connected with the care of souls.

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Concerning the sacred duties to be performed, we order that at least the following be observed: on the feasts of the Nativity and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ; on the feast of the Body of Christ, the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Holy Cross, for which the metropolitan cathedral is consecrated.

[*Latin ed. p. 455*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII, 455. Concerning the endowment of the College, and its administration and distribution among the Canons and Beneficiaries, we decree that the Constitutions to be drawn up by the Sacred Prelate shall determine these matters. Furthermore, with regard to the offices, duties, rights, privileges of the Canons, and similar matters, the laws of common law shall be observed in all respects. Finally, we warn the Diocesan Consultors, a body composed of Canons, that by this very act they will cease from their duties. Moreover, the Most Reverend Brother Aloisius Raimondi, whom we have appointed, will ensure that what we have commanded is carried out, and he will be granted the powers necessary for this purpose, which he may delegate to anyone who is in an ecclesiastical office. When the matter is completed, he will endeavor to draw up the documents, and he will promptly send true copies thereof to the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory. If, however, during the execution of these Letters, someone else presides over the aforementioned Delegation, he shall carry out what we have ordered. We intend these Letters to be effective now and in the future, so that those to whom they pertain will observe religiously what has been decreed herein, and thus they will obtain their full force. No prescriptions of any kind whatsoever can be contrary to the effectiveness of these Letters, since by these Letters we abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that such action be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to alter or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these Letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person holding an ecclesiastical office, and which are also signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented. Let those who in any way despise or disregard Our decrees know that they will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the eighth day of the month of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine, in the first year of Our Pontificate. For R. E. [Religious Excellency], the Cardinal DOMINICUS TARDINI. © MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI, from public affairs of the Church, 8th Congregation of the Consistory, from the Secretariat, Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancery, King Albert Serafini, Protonotary Apostolic, Caesar Federici, Protonotary Apos-

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tolic. Loco [Place] £ß Plumbi In Ap. Cane, vol. XCIX, n. 63.

[*Latin ed. p. 456*]

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LITTERAE APOSTOLICAE

1 S. LAURENTIUS BRUNDUSINUS DOCTOR ECCLESIAE UNIVERSALIS DECLARATUR

IOANNES PP. XXIII

Ad perpetuam rei memoriam.

— *Obsessio ex humilitate*: Sicut Christus Dominus, ex grege piscatorum, elegit quos constitueret seminatores et magistros divini verbi inter gentes, ita familia Franciscana, per humilitas, vocavit discipulum, qui Ecclesiam sanctimoniam illustraret exemplis, potentia sermonis et copia doctrinae. Sanctum dicimus Laurentium a Brundusio, Ordinis Fratrum Minorum Capuccinorum, quos appellant, sodalem.

« O inaestimabilis dilectio caritatis » 1 Christi, qui numquam temporibus Ecclesiae Sponsae suae passus est se deesse, et, quae ei ingerebantur, malis praesentia invenit remedia; qui, cum novatorum audacia insurgeret et nomen catholicum infestis peteretur assultibus, fides in christiana plebe passim languesceret et mores praecipites irent, Laurentium excitavit, ut defenderet quod impugnaretur, vindicaret quod periisset, proveheret quod omnium conduceret saluti. Quem, cum rursus pestes nefariae et falsarum opinionum commentis aliisque corruptelis homines illaqueantur, in clariore expedit luce collocari, ut eius virtutum splendore ad rectum confirmentur Christifideles eiusque salutaris doctrinae praeceptis innutriantur.

Qua in Apula urbe hic die XXII mensis Iulii anno MDLVHH susceptus est in lucem, non sibi, non fluxis saeculi rebus, sed Deo et hominibus christiana sapientia excolendis victurus. Quis esset superno futurus beneficio, praemonstravit parvulus, nam, abalienata mente a nugis, precationes facere solebat et, sacras oratiunculas pro frequenti habens contione, ad munus exerceri apostolicum. Qui, cum tenella aetas adhuc nescia esset voluptatis capi blandimentis, acriter tamen imperabat corpori, ac vix idoneus poenae, 1 Praecon. pasch.

Translation:

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APOSTOLIC LETTER

1 SAINT LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, DOCTOR OF THE UNIVERSAL

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JOHN PP. XXIII

For perpetual memory of the event.

— *Zeal born of humility*: Just as the Lord Christ chose from the flock of fishermen those whom He would make sowers and teachers of the divine word among the nations, so too the Franciscan family, through humility, called a disciple, who would illuminate the Church with examples, the power of speech, and the abundance of doctrine. We declare Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, whom they call a confrere, to be a saint.

« O inestimable love of charity » 1 of Christ, who has never allowed the Church, His Bride, to lack His presence in times of trial, and who, finding remedies for the evils that were presented, stirred up Lawrence, when the audacity of innovators arose and the Catholic name was assaulted by enemies, when faith languished among the Christian people and morals were rapidly declining, to defend what was being attacked, to vindicate what was perishing, to promote what would benefit the salvation of all. May he be placed in a clearer and more prominent light, so that, by the splendor of his virtues, the faithful may be strengthened in the right path, and may be nourished by the precepts of his saving doctrine.

Just as Rome boasts of Lawrence, an undefeated athlete of Christ, who added strength to the Church amidst the most grievous trials and hostile fury, so too it is fitting that Brindisi should boast of having given birth to Lawrence, who, strengthened her, afflicted as she was by domestic and external evils, through his devotion to religion and the abundance of his intellect.

In this city of Apulia, he was born on the twenty-second day of July in the year 1541, destined to live not for himself, nor for the fleeting things of this world, but for God and for men, to cultivate them with Christian wisdom. What future benefits he would bring was foreshadowed by his youth, for, his mind detached from frivolities, he was accustomed to prayer, and, frequently attending sacred services, he prepared himself for the apostolic ministry. Although his tender years were still unaware of the allure of pleasures, he nevertheless vigorously controlled his body, and was scarcely worthy of punishment, 1 *Praecon. pasch.*

[*Latin ed. p. 457*]

Acta Ioannis Pp. XXIII 457: Il Papa XXIII ammoniva gli zelanti con rimproveri. Il giovane, che aveva iniziato con un proposito, si unì alla famiglia francescana tra i Fratelli Minori Cappuccini della provincia veneta; con obbedienza, cristiana umiltà, dedizione alla preghiera e diligenza nello studio, superò facilmente tutte le difficoltà, e appena entrato nel convento,

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sembrò desiderare di ottenere il premio nella nobile competizione delle virtù. Dotato di un'eccellente intelligenza, abbracciò completamente la filosofia e la teologia, e, cosa che superava i suoi tempi, acquisì una rara conoscenza delle lingue, in particolare del greco, dell'ebraico e dell'aramaico. Dopo aver lasciato questa scuola, divenne un sacerdote, che con un'oratoria singolare spiegava i pensieri della mente, elevava gli animi con sentenze ingegnose, spezzava e sconfiggeva gli ostinati. Ordinato sacerdote nell'anno 1583, assunse immediatamente questo sacro ufficio di predicazione e, quasi fino alla morte, fu un instancabile annunciatore di Gesù Cristo. Pertanto, viaggiando in molte regioni d'Europa, nessuna fatica, nessuna sofferenza né disturbo poterono impedirgli di propagare i principi del Regno di Dio e di invitare il maggior numero possibile di persone alla salvezza eterna. Attraversando con i piedi le impervie Alpi, peregrinò a lungo nelle terre settentrionali, per istruire i popoli nella vera fede, in quei tempi così pieni di turbolenze; per questo motivo, alcuni dei più seri scrittori ritengono che i Fratelli Cappuccini, sotto la guida e la direzione di Lorenzo da Brindisi, abbiano preservato il popolo e la moltitudine di uomini dalle opinioni perverse, o, dissipate le tenebre degli errori, li abbiano restituiti all'unità della Chiesa. Vestito di umile abito, ornato di un'alta mente, si presentò il francescano umile alle aule dei principi, per essere un fautore dell'unione delle forze cattoliche. Mentre l'esercito dei cristiani stava per scontrarsi in Ungheria con le truppe dei Turchi, Lorenzo, alzando la croce, accese gli animi, ottenendo così una gloriosa vittoria sui nemici della croce. Tuttavia, Lorenzo non insegnò solo con le parole, ma anche con la vita: fu un uomo in cui le eccellenti virtù apparvero portate al massimo grado, come avviene appunto negli eroi della Chiesa. Era così dotato di saggezza e così pieno di consiglio, che governò alcune province dell'Ordine in Italia, e fu incaricato di guidare i confratelli in Austria, Boemia, Baviera e Tirolo, e ricoprì anche la carica di massimo governatore; nell'esercizio di questi uffici, si preoccupò di preservare e mantenere la disciplina dell'Ordine francescano. Sebbene soffrisse di problemi di salute, si recò a Lisbona, come oratore dei napoletani, presso Filippo III, re di Spagna, per difendere i loro diritti, essendo egli un difensore della giustizia, che tutela la società e l'unione umana. In questa...

[*Latin ed. p. 458*]

458 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale: In Ulissipone, die xx mensis Iulii anno MDCXVIIII, ille quasi in acie apostolici muneris obiit. Qui, cum viveret, apud Romanos Pontifices omnesque fere principes Europae gratiosus, singulares virtutes, ob quas laudabatur, ipse re probavit, easdemque Deus miraculis testatus est; post mortem vero luculentius tamquam sidus in Ecclesia coruscavit et fama sanctitatis et prodigiis, quae eius deprecatione ferebantur evenisse. Merito igitur factum est, ut a Pio

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PP. VI ei Beatorum Caelitum, a Leone PP. XIII, Decessoribus Nostris, Sanctorum honores decernerentur, isque ut exemplum proponeretur, in quod fideles omnes intuerentur. Quo in viro alto et excellenti haec duo sunt praecipua: studium apostolicum et magisterium doctrinae: ore docuit, calamo erudivit, utroque militavit. Non sibi satis esse arbitratus in se ipsum recedere, precationibus litterisque se dedere in umbra coenobii atque adeo in domestica versari exercitatione, foras prosiluit, quasi impetum animi, Christi eiusque fratrum amore sauciati, non posset continere. E templorum suggestu de dogmate christiano, de moribus, de litteris divinis, de Sanctorum Caelitum dicens virtutibus, catholicos ad pietatem exstimulavit et peccatorum caeno ingurgitatos ad eluenda admissa et emendationis vitae rationem ineundam permovit; scilicet audientium animos ingenii mentisque igne, quo ipse inflammabatur, incendit suarumque lacrimarum vi eorum lentitudinem excussit. Extra vero sacrarum aedium saepta ad homines verae religionis exsortes verba faciens, hanc defendit sagaciter et intrepide; in conventibus Hebraeorum haereticorumque stetit velut Romanae Ecclesiae signifer, et multos ad abdicanda eiurandaque falsae doctrinae placita impulit. Est autem admirabile, quot libros hic vir, qui numquam fere a piis contionibus laboribusque apostolicis conquievit, horis saepe subsicivis, de sacris omne genus disciplinis conscripserit; quae «opera omnia», veri scilicet thesauri sapientiae, e tabulariis nuper eruta ac typis impressa, quindecim amplius voluminibus continentur. Ex his commemorare Nobis libet librum, qui «Explanatio in Genesim» inscribitur et quo Laurentius, doctrina quoque usus magistrorum Iudaicorum, Ecclesiae Patrum, doctorum, quas scholasticos vocant, divinam veritatem perquirit subtiliter variasque sententias et controversias iudicat tamquam gravissimus arbiter. Plurima vero numero volumina de sacra sunt eloquentia, quippe in quae sermones congesti sunt, quos ille de tempore Quadragenarii Ieiunii et Adventus, de diebus Dominicis, Sanctorum Caelitum festis aliisque sollemnibus habuit redundantis fluminis more. Nec est quin praecipua ferat laude «Mariale», quod appellatur, totam doctrinam de Alma complectens Deipara. Ubi sententiis...

[*Latin ed. p. 459*]

In the Acts of Pope John XXIII, page 459, he discusses, with most wise and wondrous eloquence, the manifold reasons and matters pertaining to this discipline, even anticipating those things which Our Predecessors of blessed memory, Pope Pius IX and Pope Pius X, later defined with certain oracle, namely, that the Blessed Virgin Mary was exempt from the first sin and was assumed into heavenly glory with both soul and body. Finally, in three volumes, whose index is entitled "Hypothetical Lutheranism," this defender of Catholic law, with hidden but powerful erudition, seeks to refute the errors disseminated by the masters of heresy. Therefore, those who

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treat divine matters, especially those who devote themselves to explaining and defending the Catholic dogma, should strive to nourish minds, to instruct themselves in defending the truth, and to prepare themselves for the salvation of others. If they follow this author, who eradicates errors, clarifies obscure points, and makes clear what is doubtful, they will know that they are walking on a certain path. Therefore, we rejoice to add our testimony to the praises of Lawrence, who so greatly increased and adorned the Catholic cause and the sacred ministry with his outstanding teaching, with the testimonies of the Roman Pontiffs, Our Predecessors, accumulating in his favor, who either celebrated his active service in the Lord's vineyard or his intellectual vigor. Pope Paul V considered him entirely suitable for preventing the great calamity that threatened the Church in Germany; 2 Pope Urban VIII wrote about him: "We give thanks to God, who is wonderful in His servants; for, while a priest, unarmed, bearing the banner of the Cross, and resounding with sacred eloquence, amidst the bloody swords of those raging in war, not only overcame the Caesarean Majesties, triumphant in the propagation of the religion; but also led to the administration of Christian and Apostolic fortitude even that barbarism which despised Divinity." 3 Nor was Pope Clement XI less eager to praise the apostolic labors he had accomplished 4. Furthermore, we read in Leo XIII: "For not only... did he perfectly learn the German language, but also Greek, Chaldean, Syriac, and especially Hebrew, in which he was so proficient that the Jews who heard him would swear that they were hearing a man of their own nation. Indeed, God, as He did with the Apostles, bestowed the gift of tongues upon Lawrence, that he might speak in the mouths of many, for he was destined for the salvation of many." 5 Moreover, "briefly," it says, "he attained such a point that he mastered the sacred literature."

2 Cf. Arch. Vat. Borgh., I I , 67, ff. 296-311.

3 Bull. O. F. Cap., I I , p. 292.

4 Cf. ibid., I X , p. 4.

5 Acta Leon. XIII, I I , 1881, p. 432.

[*Latin ed. p. 460*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary, page 460, states that he "not only understood and interpreted these sentiments thoroughly and excellently, whether to enlighten the minds of the faithful and to kindle their spirits with virtues, or to rebuke the perfidy of the Jews and the arrogance of heretics, but also retained their words in his memory and readily, faithfully... recalled them"; "powerful in deed and word, everywhere an example of virtues, an eradicater of errors and vices, a defender of the faith, a vindicator of the dignity of the papacy." And Pope Benedict XV, having completed the third century since the death of this outstanding priest, did not hesitate to bestow this praise upon him in a letter addressed to the Capuchin Minor Friars: "Among the most distinguished

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men who, by the providence of God, have ever been raised to assist in the work of the Church, a most prominent place is held by that illustrious ornament of your Order, Lawrence of Brindisi." Summarizing all of this, Pope Pius XI called Brindisi "a great light of doctrine and sanctity." Therefore, it is not surprising that the Order of the Capuchin Minor Friars was earnestly urged by our predecessor, Pope Pius XII, of blessed memory, to properly include Lawrence of Brindisi among the Doctors of the Church. When such requests were made to the Purple Fathers of the Holy Roman Church, Archbishops, Bishops, and many superiors of religious orders and congregations, as well as other learned men, both from the clergy and the laity, and finally from the assemblies of universities and institutes, and with their own votes, our predecessor entrusted this important matter to the Sacred Congregation for Religious, according to established rites. That Sacred Congregation, obeying the mandate of the same Supreme Pontiff, appointed suitable men "in office" to carefully examine the matter. Finally, after obtaining their refined and obtained votes, which were also printed, the Purple Fathers, entrusted with the observance of sacred rites, were asked whether, considering the three things that are usually enumerated as necessary for being included among the Doctors of the universal Church after our predecessor, Pope Benedict XIV, namely, a distinguished sanctity of life, an eminent heavenly doctrine, and the declaration of the Supreme Pontiff, they considered it possible to declare Saint Lawrence of Brindisi a Doctor of the universal Church. In the Ordinary Assembly, held on November 14, 1910, in the Vatican buildings, the same Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church, observing the rites...

[*Latin ed. p. 461*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, page 461, state that, after a proper accounting of affairs was made by our Venerable Brother Clement, Cardinal Micara of the Holy Roman Church, Bishop of Velletri, who was the Promoter of this Cause, and after the Prelates of the official court had heard the matter, especially our beloved son Salvatore Natucci, at that time the General Promoter of the Faith, they affirmed that it was possible to proceed. Moreover, our Predecessor, for the sake of the matter, delayed opening his mind, so that he might obtain a greater measure of heavenly assistance for rendering such a weighty judgment. But since he was snatched away by death, leaving behind a great desire, and We, by the secret counsel of God, were elevated to the Petrine See, our beloved son Caietan, Priest Cardinal Cicognani of the Holy Roman Church, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for Sacred Rites, reported to Us on November 28th of the year 1958, concerning all these matters. We, after carefully considering everything, approved and confirmed the opinion of the same Sacred Congregation. Therefore, fulfilling willingly and gladly the desires of the Brothers Minor Capuchins and others, by the authority of these letters, with certain knowledge and

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mature deliberation, We declare, establish, and ordain that Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Confessor, Doctor of the Universal Church, be enrolled among the Saints, Confessors, not Popes, and Doctors of the Universal Church, to be venerated and commemorated by the entire Church on the twenty-first day of July, that is, the day before his birthday on the twenty-second day of the same month, and to be recorded in the Roman Martyrology. Notwithstanding any Apostolic Constitutions and ordinances, or any other things that might be contrary. These things We decree, establish, and ordain, that these present letters shall always remain firm, valid, and efficacious; and shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that they shall be rightly judged and defined; and that if anything contrary to these things should be attempted by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, with any authority whatsoever, it shall be declared invalid and void from this moment. Given at Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's ring, on the fifteenth day of March, in the feast of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the year 1957, in the first year of Our pontificate.

JOHN PP. XXIII.

[*Latin ed. p. 462*]

462 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary II. SAINT GABRIEL, THE CHIEF HEAVENLY PATRON OF THE ENTIRE REGION OF APRUTIO, IS DECLARED. JOHN PP. XXIII. For the perpetual remembrance of this matter. — Numerous and eloquent testimonies and monuments clearly demonstrate the great love, veneration, and devotion that Saint Gabriel, formerly known as "of the Sorrowful Virgin," inspired both during his life and after his death, and even more so after he was counted among the blessed in Heaven. Immediately after our predecessor, Pope Pius X, included him among the blessed in the year 1908, and even more so after Pope Benedict XV, of blessed memory, introduced this most virtuous young man into the canon of the Saints in the year 1920, the desire to bestow upon him the highest honors of praise grew ever stronger. In many places, those who had some connection with this new saint, erected altars and chapels, and even parish churches in his honor, and his name was also given to the Apostolic Vicariate in Peru, namely "Saint Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin of Marañon." However, as is fitting, the Congregation of Clerics Regular of the Most Holy Cross and the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, of which he was a most pious member and which he now constitutes a great honor and a distinguished ornament, played a leading role in bestowing the highest honors upon him. Among the regions that venerate Saint Gabriel with particular devotion, Aprutio stands out, within whose boundaries, namely the island commonly called "Isola del Gran Sasso," the saint spent his final days, and where, in the church dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Immaculate, and adjacent to the sacred building of the

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aforementioned Congregation, there is a beautiful and celebrated tomb of Saint Gabriel. Indeed, as has been reported to us, numerous faithful, in the manner of pilgrims, come there with confident hearts, not only from the neighboring regions of Aprutio, but from all of Italy and from other distant nations, to pray. Therefore, the very church, which our predecessor, of blessed memory, Pope Pius X, adorned with the title and dignity of a Minor Basilica in the year 1929, should be considered as a principal center of faith and piety for the entire region of Aprutio. For this reason, since this year marks the hundredth anniversary since the most virtuous young man first came to Aprutio to dedicate himself to learning the sacred disciplines in the monastery of his religious Congregation, which we mentioned, our beloved son, the General Procurator,

[*Latin ed. p. 463*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 463, record that the Congregation, having heard the petitions of all the Sacred Ministers, of both the clergy, and also of the administrators of public affairs and of the Christian faithful of the region of Abruzzo, presented to Us prayers that We might declare and confirm the same Saint Gabriel, the Archangel, the Confessor, as the principal Patron before God of the entire region of Abruzzo. These prayers, having been brought to Us and commended by Our beloved son, Cajetan S. B. E., Cardinal Priest Cicognani, and having readily and willingly decided to grant them, with certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic power, by these letters We establish, declare, and confirm that Saint Gabriel, the Archangel, the Confessor, is the principal Patron before God of the entire region of Abruzzo, with all the liturgical rights and privileges that properly belong to the principal Patrons of regions. Notwithstanding any contrary things. These things We decree, We establish, We ordain, that these present letters shall forever remain firm, valid, and efficacious; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that those to whom they pertain, now and in the future, shall fully observe them; and that they shall be rightly judged and defined; and that, from this moment, they shall be declared void and null, if anything contrary to these things should be attempted by anyone, with any authority whatsoever, knowingly or unknowingly. Given at Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's ring, on the tenth day of the month of April, in the year 1959, in the first year of Our pontificate.

D. Card. TARDINI, concerning public affairs of the Church.

LETTER TO THE MOST REVEREND FATHER JAMES DUHIG, ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE, WHO HAS ORDAINED PUBLIC SACRED CELEBRATIONS, MARKING THE COMPLETION OF A CENTURY FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THAT CHURCH.

JOHN PP. XXIII. Venerable Brother, greetings and Apostolic Benediction.

— Since the foundation of the Church of Brisbane, having happily

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completed a hundred years, moved by a pious intention, you, Venerable Brother, have ordained public sacred celebrations, so that to God, One and Triune, from whom all good things come and all...

[*Latin ed. p. 464*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 464: To those who, with actions overflowing with holy joy, offer thanks for a perfect gift, may their praises be heard. We commend and approve the intention you have, and we are very pleased that we are given a second opportunity to offer a sign and token of our charity to you and to the flock which the diligent pastor you have guides. From the prosperous progress by which this diocese has grown with firm strength, it is clearly evident that, as if to an evangelical seed, it has received from God the increase of a flourishing life: for the sufficiently numerous number of priests and religious members, the established parishes, temples raised from the ground, youth groups, schools, infirmaries, orphanages, pious societies, and works openly and magnificently dedicated to fostering charity and providing aid to those in need, all testify to this. And even greater things have occurred: within the borders of the State of Queensland, which at the same time has achieved a most auspicious birth, four others have been separated from this diocese: namely, the dioceses of Rockhampton, Townsville, Toowoomba, and Cairns, all of which, as is fitting, will participate in the celebrations, having drawn abundantly from the same source of heavenly goodness. It gives us great pleasure, for the sake of your future common benefit, that, on this anniversary, the Provincial Sacred Seminary, now named after Pius XI, newly constructed, will be solemnly dedicated. We paternally wish that the number of students there may increase, that they may shine with virtues, and that they may bring the Church as much benefit and honor as possible. For this reason, let them, progressing in purity, in active deeds, and in piety, unite together the fires of heavenly love and the knowledge of divine and human things, for to burn and to shine is perfection. We have no doubt that such gatherings and celebrations will be a strong encouragement to the children of the Church in the Queensland region, so that they may more closely unite in bonds of charity, listen more attentively to their sacred pastors, observe the laws of God more diligently, excel in the sanctity and integrity of their conduct, and strive to act well in the name and for the glory of Jesus Christ. In the way of the Lord, one must not linger idly, but must walk briskly: "Go therefore into the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. The way is prepared for us by our Lord." Let us be fervent in the paths of good works, for this is our walking.

[*Latin ed. p. 465*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 465. These things, having been considered with care, we earnestly pray to God for the most abundant and immediate help

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for you, Venerable Brother, and for the other sacred pastors of Queensland, and for the flock of Christ entrusted to your care. And as a pledge of these things, we impart the Apostolic Blessing to you all, as an encouragement to strive for excellent things. Given at Boma, near St. Peter's, on the 17th of May, in the feast of Pentecost, in the year 1959, in the first year of Our Pontificate.

IOANNES PP. XXIII

To the Most Reverend Father Benedict S.R.E. Cardinal Aloisi Masella, Bishop of Praeneste, Archpriest of the Patriarchal Basilica of the Lateran, and Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Discipline of the Sacraments, celebrating his eightieth year and the fortieth year since receiving the episcopate.

IOANNES PP. XXIII. Venerable Brother, greetings and the Apostolic Blessing.

We understand that the faithful of Praeneste, under the guidance of your Auxiliary Bishop and with the favor of the entire clergy, have decided to solemnly celebrate your eightieth birthday, which you will reach next month, and the eight decades of your episcopate, which will be happily completed this year with God's help. Furthermore, as we have learned with particular joy, on the last day of this month of May, a marble monument will be inaugurated in the very noble city of Praeneste in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her Immaculate Heart, and the dedication of the religious people will be renewed. We not only confirm these pious intentions of the faithful, but we also honor them with worthy praise, and, as if leading a chorus of those who congratulate, we wish you, Venerable Brother, the happiest and most salutary things from God, and we fervently desire, through His generosity, that you may enjoy the benefits of this life and the fruits of your good works for as long as possible.

In the meantime, may the upcoming celebrations lead to a greater advancement of souls; we freely grant you the power to bless the people in the diocese of Praeneste, on a day you shall determine, after the Sacred rite has been performed, in Our name and with Our authority.

[*Latin ed. p. 466*]

466 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale, proponens eadem indulgentia iisdem, ad Ecclesiae praescripta lucrandam. In caelestium denique gratiarum auspicium atque peculiaris Nostrae caritatis pignus, Apostolicam Benedictionem tibi, Venerabilis Frater Noster, egregio Episcopo Auxiliari, cunctisque laborum sociis, universo clero et fidelibus tuae curae concreditis peramanter in Domino impertimus. Datum Romae, apud Sanctum Petrum, die xxiv mensis Maii, anno MCMLix, Pontificatus Nostri primo. IOANNES PP. XXIII III AD EXCMTJM P. D. LUDOVICUM

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SEVERINUM HAL/LER, EPISCOPUM TIT. BETHLEEMITANUM, ORDINIS CANONICORUM REGULARIUM S. AUGUSTINI ABBATEM PRIMATEM, NONO IMPLETO SAECULO A COACTA LATERANENSI SYNODO ET MOX INITA FOEDERATIONE E QUATTUOR, QUIBUS IDEM ORDO CONSTAT, CONGREGATIONIBUS. IOANNES PP. XXIII Venerabilis Frater, salutem et Apostolicam Benedictionem. — Canonici Ordinis consociatos amore, Te, Venerabilis Frater, Abbates Generales Congregationum eiusdem ceterosque praepositos et sodales novimus alacri teneri studio noni impleti saeculi celebrandi a Synodo Lateranensi coacta, quae summum obtinet momentum in memoria rerum gestarum vestri instituti. Cuius quidem initia praesertim a S. Augustino, Episcopo Hipponensi, repetitis, secundum quem monasterii ab ipso constituti « clericus duas res professus est, et sanctitatem et clericatum... professus est communiter vivendi societatem, professus est : quam bonum et quam iucundum habitare fratres in unum »; atque adeo priscis iam temporibus effecistis, ut clericorum munus coniungeretur cum coenobii disciplina. Huiusmodi vivendi rationem, sodales, qui deinde canonici sunt appellati, ab aliis sacrorum Antistitibus sanctisque viris aucti sunt atque ornati. Quodsi temporum successu vigor eorum remisit, providens tamen Deus saeculo xi spiritus in Ecclesia sua excitavit, quibus ducti Romani Pontifices aliique viri sanctimonia illustres institutum.

[*Latin ed. p. 467*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, page 467, restored the former splendor to the canons and monks, and imparted new strength to them. This was largely accomplished by the aforementioned Lateran Council, celebrated in the spring of the year 1579, in which, under the presidency of Nicholas I, Our Predecessor, and with Hildebrand, who was later elevated to the Petrine See and became known as Gregory VII, these same canons were subjected to a stricter rule of life, as is evident from the words of the decree issued by that assembly of bishops: "And We decree that... according to the churches to which they are assigned, as is fitting for religious clerics, they should eat and sleep together, and that whatever is given to them from the churches, they should hold in common. And We urge them to strive above all to attain the Apostolic, that is, the common life."

Thus, the Order of Regular Canons of St. Augustine, which was called by that name shortly thereafter, flourished greatly, and, with regard to piety, the progress of the Christian people, and doctrine, it reaped a rich harvest of fruits. Therefore, while We approve the intention of solemnly commemorating this momentous event of the Council after so many centuries, We are pleased that you have taken this opportunity to publicly enter into a Confederation of associations within your Order. Indeed, the Apostolic See greatly values such federations, which are based on mutual charity, especially in this age, when the needs of the Church have increased

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immensely, and her ministers require assistance. In this most auspicious celebration, you should not only look back at the past, but also consider the present and provide for the future. Let your Order be foremost in diligently imparting the treasures of the liturgy to the people of God, in most sacredly caring for souls, and in pursuing studies with all diligence, by which the glory and benefit of the Church may increase. You know that you must strive for religious perfection, so that you may fulfill the duties entrusted to you fruitfully. Let the rule of common life, which St. Augustine taught and practiced, shine forth in you; let integrity shine forth, so that not only every license, but also every manner of thinking and acting proper to the world, should be completely banished from within the monastic enclosure; let obedience flourish, so that you may obey your superiors as you would Christ Himself; and let these words of St. Lawrence Justinian, who is the light of your institution, be imprinted in your hearts: "For it is not from the title of profession, nor from the splendor of dignity, nor from the image of sanctity, but from the observance of commandments..."

[*Latin ed. p. 468*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 468, concerning obedience to the rule, concerning the perfection of virtues, concerning the purity of heart, concerning praiseworthy actions, concerning the ministry of piety, and concerning the offering of thanks to God, to each religious and ecclesiastical man, the following question will be posed: "First of all, let charity, which, according to the Augustinian discipline, ought to be the ornament and safeguard of your Order, be present in all your endeavors. Let there be no dissensions, and whatever may hinder the union of the members, let it be strictly forbidden in your monasteries." Hear also Saint Lawrence, gravely warning Justinian: "For he is to be considered an outsider from the flock of the Lord, who, stripped of fraternal love, is devoid of charity." But, "where there is unity, where there is compassion for one's neighbors, there is truly the bond of members, there is the diffused charity of God." May all these things prevail, We impart to you, Venerable Prelate, and to all the members of this Order, Our paternal blessing, a sign of divine assistance and of Our benevolence, in the Lord. Given at Rome, near Saint Peter, on the twenty-fifth day of the month of May, in the feast of Saint Gregory the Pope, in the year 1957, in the first year of Our pontificate. JOHN PP. XXIII. TO THE MOST REVEREND ALOISIUS S. R. E. CARDINAL STEPINAC, ARCHBISHOP OF ZAGREB, COMPLETING THE FIFTIETH AND TWENTIETH YEAR SINCE RECEIVING THE EPISCOPATE. JOHN, Beloved Son, We greet you and impart the Apostolic Blessing. As you, Beloved Son, approach the fiftieth and twentieth year since you were consecrated Bishop, Our thoughts turn to you with more promptness and attention than usual; and, moved by charity, We do not allow the joy of this auspicious occasion to pass without Our congratulations and good wishes. We do this most

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gladly, because We greatly esteem your...

[*Latin ed. p. 469*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 469: Praises of the soul, piety towards God, the awareness of a vigilant Catholic spirit, and the firm constancy of an unconquered heart. Shortly after three years, since you were appointed as Archbishop of Zagreb, endowed with the right of succession, to assist in the pastoral office, you were appointed as the sacred pastor to that ecclesiastical see, and you have quickly fulfilled the hope that the best placed in you. Your industry and zeal were openly demonstrated, especially by the increase in the number of parishes here, the flourishing growth of the Catholic Action, the merciful care given to the poor and the afflicted, and the free and vigorous defense of Catholic doctrine. Sadly, due to circumstances, you were forced to abandon your fervent endeavors, and to be separated from the faithful, who trusted in your love and guidance, and to live in solitude. Raise your manly spirit: it is virtue, not fault, that has afflicted you; and in your sorrow, conceive a joyful delight: for it is better to suffer injustice than to inflict it. So that the excellent merits you have achieved through your actions and sufferings may shine forth before all, our blessed predecessor, Pope Pius XI, adorned you with the insignia of the Sacred Roman Purple. With this blessed event, we pray to the highest and eternal God, who allows evils to exist, so that greater goods may arise, with paternal wishes, that, through the outpouring of His mercy, that which you sow here, as a participant in the sufferings of Christ, may bring forth the hope and fruit of a flourishing harvest, and, amidst the hardships and difficulties that oppress you, may provide you with excellent counsel for the benefit of the Church, from a hidden source of pious joys. These things having been said, we freely impart the Apostolic Blessing to you, our beloved son, the Auxiliary Archbishop, to your assisting bishops, and to the sacred clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese of Zagreb, a pledge of heavenly protection. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the fourteenth day of the month of June, in the year 1959, in the first year of Our Pontificate. JOHN PP. XXIII.

[*Latin ed. p. 470*]

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Officiale ALLOCUTIONES

I. Ad Sacerdotes olim militibus Italicis addictos, qui Conventui Romae habito interfuerunt.

* Primo, exprimimus vobis consolationem profundam, quae Nos movet in hoc colloquio cum vobis, carissimi filii Associationis Nationalis Capellanorum Militarium in congedo, qui, ducti a venerabili Fratre Ordinario Militari in Italia, desideravistis a Nobis accipi. Magna est enim gaudium, et – si licet dicere – intensa etiam commotio, quae Nos tangit, cum vos

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in modum specialem accipimus. Ipsa forma, quam voluimus praeparae ad hanc Audiendum, sicut amabile colloquium in Hortis Vaticanis, vobis indicat locum quem habetis in Nostro corde. Et accipi vos hic, prope reproductionem exactam Cavernae Massabielle, praeterquam quod repraesentat meritum ob peregrinationem, quam annue facitis ad Lourdes, ducentes exmilites, etiam significare vult, ut resolutiones et proposita Conventui vestro sub aspectum benignum Mariae Sanctissimae ponantur.

In hoc momento, memoriæ ineffabiles et profunde humanae, quae ad experientias Nostras militares iunctae sunt, in animo Nostro resurrexerunt, et renovant affectus et consolationes, quae in illis remotis diebus, primo in simplici servitio, deinde in ministerio sacerdotali, inter tam proculam iuventutem, experimentati sumus. Non volumus vobis iterum historiam illorum duorum periodorum Vitae Nostrae narrare, iam paene divulgatam et aliquantulum fabulosa ab ephemeridis, et a Nobis ipsis aliae saepe mentionata; sed illa tamen tam plena fuit lectionum, ut aliquas ex illis vobis exponamus, ad commune utilitatem vestram et ad paternam exhortationem.

1. Annus voluntarius, cum habebamus viginti annos, fuit, ante omnia, valde utilis et fructifer pro Nobis, quia, permittens Nobis cognoscere multas personas, in condicionibus vitae omnibus particularibus, praebuit Nobis facultatem pretiosam, ut in animo humano semper plus et plus penetraremus, cum incommensurabili gaudio.

* Die 11 Iunii mensis a. 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 471*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 471, concerning our preparation for the priesthood. As you well know, living in fraternal contact for months and months, in a community of souls, tempered by daily danger and generosity, reveals ever new depths in our neighbor, expressions of faith, of trust in God, of surrender in prayer, of serene resignation. From this mutual knowledge then arise conversations with the priest, esteem for his ministry, the pouring forth into his soul of the most secret confidences, in order to receive encouragement, exhortation, and forgiveness. This is therefore a time of spiritual enrichment, to which is added the constructive work of military discipline, which forms character, shapes wills, and educates them to renunciation, self-control, and obedience. These various experiences of true military service, as recruits and soldiers, which many of you have had, have certainly given you the opportunity to do so well, to be an example to officers and soldiers, and to earn their trust; and you know how bonds formed in youth do not break throughout life. What reason to thank the Lord, who, by calling us to His service, gives us all the opportunity to give Him witness, from our young years, spreading among souls, even in the most difficult moments, the good seed of His grace and His word, the sweet fragrance of His love!

2. Unforgettable was the service we performed as chaplains in the hospi-

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tals during wartime. It allowed us to gather in the groans of the wounded and the sick the universal aspiration for peace, the greatest good of humanity. Never as then – and also subsequently, in the events of the last world conflagration, during which we were an instrument of the tireless charity of Our Predecessor of blessed memory, in the nations to which we were sent as representatives of the Apostolic See – did we feel how great is the desire for peace of mankind, especially of those who, like the soldier, trust in preparing its foundations for the future through their personal sacrifice, and often through the supreme sacrifice of their lives. This lesson that wars have given to the world, as the most severe warning, makes military chaplains men of peace, who, by their very presence, bring serenity to souls. For they are, by the grace of state, the ministers of that Jesus who gave peace to the world, and they bear the seal of Him to consciences through the Sacraments which they administer. And here, for military chaplains, who perform a most delicate...

[*Latin ed. p. 472*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale 472. In the ministry of peace and love, under often arduous and difficult conditions, there is a new reason to thank Divine Providence, and to become ever more worthy of the work that God entrusts to each one with full and paternal confidence.

3. Finally, the memories and experiences of military life present before our eyes, with endearing strokes, the figure of the Military Chaplain, which represents a new and most precious aspect of modern apostolate. The Chaplains of yesterday and those of today, in the various specializations entrusted to their care, represent a new and immense possibility for good, upon which the Church relies greatly. They go forth to countless legions of young souls, robust and valiant, but sometimes exposed to grave spiritual dangers, in order to guide and form them for the good. You have done so in the past, and so do your younger brothers today, to whom the attention of the Ordinariate is devoted in order to prepare them adequately for the serious responsibilities that await them. We say this to you, because we are well acquainted with you, and because we desire that, as elders, you convey this to the beloved Chaplains, who have inherited your legacy: repeat to them, with the warmth of your conviction, founded on experience, that the effectiveness of their ministry does not depend on human means, on sympathies sought after artfully, sometimes at the cost of compromises with one's own conscience, but only on the help of God, and on the priestly spirit – we might also say missionary spirit – with which they dedicate themselves. We are pleased to learn that this ministry is carried out everywhere in a happy harmony of nature and grace, in the tireless pursuit of all that favors the approach of souls to God. And while we encourage all the esteemed Chaplains, we gladly seize this opportunity to instill in them the most sincere and ardent love for the priestly spirit,

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especially for that priestly spirit, which must be placed at the summit of the hierarchy of values. Beloved sons! Always approach your brothers as priests. They expect from you first of all the light of example and sacrifice; they seek comfort in trials, strength in the guidance of their souls, clarity and zeal in teaching. In a word, they always and in all things want to see in you the ministers of Christ, and the dispensers of the mysteries of God. Do not neglect the opportunity to instill in them a love for the life of grace, by often offering the possibility of approaching the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist.

[*Latin ed. p. 473*]

Acts of John XXIII, 473. Only thus will your work be fruitful, and your memory will remain among the young as one of the most consoling and beneficial, because you will have contributed to strengthening their spirit, at one of the most delicate moments of their lives. With these wishes, and with paternal approval to you, who have known how to make this ideal the constant motive of your service, We leave you, not without raising to Heaven a fervent prayer, to ask for you every desired grace. And as a pledge of continued divine assistance, and as confirmation of Our particular favor, We impart from the heart to the most worthy Archbishop, to you here present, to your loved ones, to your Brothers throughout Italy, to the souls entrusted to your care, to good and generous priests, Our comforting Apostolic Blessing. To His Most Serene Highness, Rainier III, Prince of Monaco, and to His Most Serene Highness, the Princess, his consort.

"It is a joy for Us to welcome Your Most Serene Highnesses to this residence, where they formerly came to visit Our predecessor of venerable memory, Pope Pius XII. We know the warm and affectionate welcome that you found with that great Pontiff, and We can assure you that the same sentiments of paternal benevolence animate Us towards you. We cannot forget Our first meeting with Your Highness at the Princely Palace of Monaco in 1947, during the jubilee celebrations of the late Prince Louis II. The kind hospitality that your grandfather and the Princess offered to the Representative of the Holy See in their own residence, the charm of their conversation, and their familiar simplicity, remained engraved in Our memory. And what can we say about the enchanting site of the Principality, which it was given to Us to contemplate for the first time, and of which We retain such a vivid memory! We also recall the impressive religious ceremony at the Cathedral of Sainte-Dévote, where We were edified by the piety and the sincere profession of Catholic faith, which so fortunately characterize the good people of Monaco. June 18th, in the year of Our Lord 1959.

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This attachment to the Church: We know that it is also deeply rooted

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in your hearts, and We are pleased to congratulate you paternally, each and every one of you. Indeed, the influence of a Christian home is always and everywhere beneficial, and it can be all the more so when the example comes from a higher source. We have no doubt that you are fully aware of the honor and the duties that this entails for you, who bear great responsibilities in the service of your people. The Principality of Monaco, small in its extent, nevertheless exerts – especially in the cultural and artistic fields – an activity whose influence extends far beyond its borders. We have also learned of the current progress being made there in public works, and of the new developments that have taken place in Christian life under the impetus of a zealous bishop: a further reason for Our joy and satisfaction. With a generous heart, We invoke upon Your Most Serene Highnesses, and upon the children who have come to gladden your young home, the abundance of divine favors, and We grant you, as a pledge of Our paternal benevolence, the Apostolic Blessing which you have come to seek from Us.

III. To the Most Excellent Man, Charles de Gaulle, President of the French Republic and of the Community.

* Monsieur le Général, Monsieur le Président, Everything that is ″France″ moves Our heart in a very special and characteristic way. Therefore, mere words are incapable of expressing the deep feelings of respect, gratitude, and affection that your visit this morning evokes in Our soul. For France and the French are very familiar to Our thoughts. Indeed, from Our youth, it was a joy for Us to appreciate the natural, intellectual, and artistic qualities of ″sweet France″ – according to the words of a poet of the lower Latin period, *dulcis Francia* – no less than its ancestral moral values. Subsequently, during...

* *Die 27 Iunii mensis a. 1959.* (The 27th day of the month of June in the year 1959.)

[*Latin ed. p. 475*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 475, concerning Our Missions and travels: We were able to observe the influence of French culture throughout the world, and the admirable work accomplished by religious men and women of your country, particularly by eminent missionary prelates, who are dedicated to the populations they serve in beautiful educational, social, or charitable endeavors. But above all, We had the privilege of spending unforgettable years on French soil, while, under your leadership, this great people was reborn to life and hope after heavy and cruel trials. Your presence today, Mr. President, naturally brings to Our mind that sojourn in Paris, and in particular, the first visit We paid to you on the morning of January 1, 1945. As Apostolic Nuncio of Our immortal Predecessor, Pope Pius XI, We had the honor that day of presenting, on behalf of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Provisional Government of the French Republic, the first greetings offered to Your Excellency by the representatives of friendly na-

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tions, who were happy to celebrate the renewal of France. "Thanks to your political foresight and your energy," We said then, "this beloved country has regained its freedom and its faith in its destiny!" And now, Providence, which has called Us since then to the responsibilities of the Supreme Pontificate, allows this new and most pleasant encounter. It is not the first time, indeed, that Your Excellency has been received in this residence. In June 1944, while Rome had just seen the specter of war depart from its walls, and the long-awaited end of the terrible conflict was already visible on the horizon, Our Predecessor, Pope Pius XI, was pleased to welcome you and to converse with you during a cordial audience. You then delighted in admiring the clarity of vision and the serenity of judgment of that great Pontiff, the strength and the unwavering confidence of that herald of true peace, whose teachings continue to guide all men of good will. You desire, Mr. President, to realize this work of peace and prosperity in your own country and within the vast framework of the Community; but you are also aware that you must pursue it even more broadly for the benefit of mankind throughout the world. Called for a second time to preside over the destiny of your homeland, following a series of circumstances in which France once again demonstrated its astonishing ability to recover from peril, you wish to see it conduct itself with dignity, worthy of its prestigious past. And this is...

[*Latin ed. p. 476*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 476, therefore, while striving for the happiness of your fellow citizens, you also, with noble intent, desire that the resources of the country, like those of other nations favored by nature, may serve with disinterestedness the well-being of peoples less developed economically. Is there a perspective of action more in conformity with the ideal of justice and fraternal charity, which Christianity has forever instilled in human society, and which has never ceased throughout the centuries to inspire the most generous and fruitful endeavors for the good of humanity? Allow Us to express sincere wishes for your beloved Fatherland. Gladly repeating here the words that Our Predecessor addressed two years ago to President René Coty, "It is the entire generous people of France, with its glorious heritage and its remarkable gifts, that We salute in you, Mr. President, and to whom We express Our paternal affection!" These wishes and prayers, We offer to God through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and this admirable lineage of saints born from your soil, which constitutes one of the purest glories of your Fatherland; and We invoke with all Our heart a copious outpouring of divine blessings upon Your Excellency and the distinguished personalities who accompany you.

To the Most Blessed Father, residing in the Vatican Basilica, who, with those present at the First Vespers of the feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, solemnly celebrated by Him.

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* Venerable Brother, beloved children, This Vespers liturgy introduces us to the great solemnity that commemorates the martyrdom of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. The glorious names of the two Pillars of the Church are united, by ancient tradition, to signify with powerful emphasis their stature of gigantic proportions, which, as it distinguishes them from every other apostle and disciple of Jesus, so it unites them in the splendor of their vocation, their ministry, and their martyrdom. However, the annual recurrence, of which we today anticipate the charm, • * June 28, 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 477*]

Acta Ioannis Pp. XXIII 477, especially, calls to mind the Apostle Peter, the humble fisherman who became the mouth through which the Church speaks, the first Bishop of Rome. The antiphons of these First Vespers have praised him, in a crescendo of invocations and praises, culminating in the Magnificat with the joyful affirmation: "Tu es pastor ovium, Princeps Apostolorum: Claves regni coelorum tibi sunt traditae!" The Liturgy thus recalls us to the marvelous structure of the Church as an organized body, which the theologians, with St. Augustine, call the mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the divine Founder who placed at the head of His work St. Peter, the Prince of the Apostles. We speak to you with paternal confidence, beloved sons. Two reasons have determined this our gathering: the solemn First Vespers of St. Peter, and then the blessing of the Sacred Pallia, destined for the most illustrious prelates of the Church, who during the year gather the various successions of spiritual governance in the most distinguished sees of the world. This twofold reason of festivity and liturgy suggests three thoughts for our common edification.

I. THE FIRST POPE. Just as it is said of the brief dialogue between the Angel and Mary in the sacred silence of Nazareth, which summarizes the mystery of the Incarnation and the Redemption of the world, so too does Peter's "Tu es Christus filius Dei vivi" and Jesus' response: "Tu es Petrus et super hanc petram aedificabo Ecclesiam meam," establish the structure of the Catholic Church. Indeed, through the Divine Maternity of Mary, the Word of God becomes man, and it is the redemption and salvation of the world that begins. To the act of faith in Christ, the Son of the Living God, responds Jesus' "Tu es Petrus," and with this, the institution of the Church. Thus, the salvation of the world is accomplished. This is proclaimed in these solemn First Vespers. It almost seems that the initial intonation, the succession of antiphons and Psalms, and the sound of the hymn prepare for the outburst of the Magnificat, preceded by "Tu es pastor ovium, princeps Apostolorum." We praise God and exalt in the glory of St. Peter, and of the other Apostles, who, through divine virtue and grace, have spread throughout the world, and through the centuries prolong the song of lib-

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eration and salvation of all human peoples.

[*Latin ed. p. 478*]

478 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale I I. DE SUCCESSIONE PETRI ET APOSTOLORUM. Simon, filius Ioannis, a Jesu "petra fundamenti" appellatus, in loco suo eminenti stat. Auctoritas eius praeest Apostolis, qui cum eo participationem divini mandati in Ecclesia una, sancta, catholica, apostolica, recipiunt. Petrus seriem gloriosam Pontificum Romanorum incipit. Et Liber Pontificalis successionem Petri per saecula designat. Auctoritas eius, primo loco, est augustum et illustratum magisterium: est ordinatio operis divini in universo mundo, in distributione Provinciarum Ecclesiasticarum, et cum collaboratione omnium qui ad ordinem sacrum et religiosum pertinent: clerus saecularis et regularis, institutiones antiquissimae et modernas orationis et apostolatus. Ergo, signum et symbolum huius ordinis, quod est perpetua et perfecta memoria doctrinae revelatae, et quod exprimit subordinationem et simul distributionem immensi muneris pastoralis commissi Episcopis, est sacrum pallium. Signum honoris et iurisdictionis moderatae, est simpliciter benda ex lana alba: insignis sex cruces sericis nigris, circumcirca humeros circumvoluta cum duobus lateribus pendentibus, uno in pectore, altero in dorso: ornata tribus spinellis gemmatis: in pectore, in dorso, in umero sinistro. Descriptio simplex: sed significationes et applicationes multae. Sacrum pallium, ab media parte saeculi IX, confertur Patriarchis, Metropolitanis, Archiepiscopis, ipse Papa, successor Sancti Petri, qui illud benedicit, hic in Basilica Vaticana, post primas Vesperas huius diei sollemnitatis. Collectio palliorum singulorum, servata ad dispositionem pro omni nova distributione quae occurrat durante anno, conservatur in arca argentea aurata apud Confessionem. Papa semper suum sacrum pallium in Missis sollemnibus et ubique fert. Cardinali Prothodiacono competit honor imponendi illud in nomine Papae singulis dignitatariis qui ius ad illud habent, sed non possunt illud ferre nisi in diebus quibusdam stabilitis a Caeremoniali Episcoporum. Est signum nobile et altae iurisdictionis, textum ex lana para, ad exprimendam omnem suavitatem agnelli Sanctae Agnetis, ex cuius lana est factum. Quotidie a Papa primam benedictionem accipit in festo puellae Romanae, cuius odorem puritatis est causa continuae aedificationis pro omnibus.

[*Latin ed. p. 479*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 479, III. MAGISTERIUM ECCLESIASTICUM - DOCTRINE AND DISCIPLINE. The Feast of Saint Peter and the blessing of the Sacred Pallia offer fundamental instruction concerning the structure of the Church, its internal organization, and its discipline, which is observed throughout the entire Christian people. Rightly did the great Pope Benedict XIV call the Sacred Pallium "a symbol of unity, and a pledge of

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perfect communion with the Apostolic See." Indeed, the supreme pontificate, in its succession from Rome and therefore from all the Churches of the world, continues to offer homage to the teachings of the Head of the Church and of the Bishops in communion with him; and it is an edifying exercise for the clergy and the people, fostering perfect unity and obedience. Oh! The magnificent spectacle of this unity of belief and this concord in action, of which the Catholic Church continues to offer splendor and admiration throughout the world. To this, the grace of the Lord supports his faithful, scattered in the various regions of the earth, equally attentive to the heavenly directives, of which the Catholic Magisterium is a wondrous distributor. It is true that this luminous beauty of unity and fidelity to Christian teaching is supported by the foundation of grace and of individual and collective freedom for those who recognize the transcendent purpose of human life. Unfortunately, this freedom can suffer coercion from external forces. From the very beginnings of human history, it has suffered conflicts and limitations. At this very moment in which we speak, the prince of darkness continues, here and there, to spread his determined intent of "nolumus hunc regnare super nos" [we will not have this man to rule over us] with regard to Christ and his inheritance; he does not shy away from any audacity, and he imposes extreme sacrifices upon innocent and generous souls, forcibly placed in a condition in which they cannot exercise these primary rights and values of humanity and civilization. As much as we are amazed and astonished by the new achievements of human ingenuity and its attempts to conquer the celestial spaces, so much does it grieve the heart of the Pastor to see the erection of insurmountable walls, not far from us, to separate certain chosen portions of the flock of Christ from the central unity of the Church. Based on the Ecclesiastical Magisterium and the twofold safeguard of doctrine and discipline, Saint Peter bequeathed to his successors, and as a guide for the Christian virtues of all the faithful, two epistles. As we renew...

[*Latin ed. p. 480*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 480: Knowledge grows, and fascination increases, before the practicality of such luminous teaching. Herein is found encouragement for all and for each individual. These things are worthy to be committed to memory and to be repeated as a hymn, and as a warning for every day.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ENCYCLICAL: Following in the footsteps of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, the last and least worthy of his successors, who speaks to you here and is honored with his pontifical pallium, in a few days will follow this discourse a letter more widely disseminated, filled with brilliant doctrine, for the greater edification of your souls, which for some time have awaited this document or Encyclical Letter, destined to mark ordinarily the beginning of each pontificate.

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Receive, Venerable Brothers and beloved sons, scattered throughout the universe, this Encyclical Letter with simplicity and with faith. You will find therein the same doctrine of the first Pope, inspired by the same love of truth, of mutual charity, and of peace. Read it: *Veritas, Unitas et Pax*, with calm, and have it read. Many points touched upon therein are not in agreement with the trends of modern thought, where this diverges from divine revelation, but you will find them suitable, as a straightforward warning for the pursuit of the true goods of this life, and for the security of the life to come and eternal, which awaits us.

O St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, first Pope of the universal Church, how delightful to the heart of Ours, even this evening, to bow our heads upon your blessed foot, and to pronounce, as we learned in our priestly youth, those holy words: *Obedientia et pax*: obedience and peace. Behold, we join you in this liturgical homage, O Peter, son of Jonas, most holy, together with the Doctor of the Gentiles, the incomparable Paul, most sacred and chosen temple, your companion in death, partaker of the same crown: both of you are lights, as you are lights and adornment of the universal Church. In the world, brightly shining, you gleam; according to the expressions of the immortal poem of St. Paulinus of Aquileia, from which sprang the lively greeting: *O felix Roma*, sung now at Vespers.

Behold, to honor and implore St. Peter, the countless saints rise up with the Apostle Paul, who, under the splendor of these vaults, and, outside, from the magnificence of the solemn square, interweave their...

[*Latin ed. p. 481*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, page 481, a song of praise: Doctors of the Church of East and West: Saints Gregory, the Saints Leo, Chrysostom, Nazianzen, those who sleep beneath the altars, the ancient and recent Popes, and these, those closest to us, the most well-known, the most beloved. Surely they rejoice with us, our Popes of the last century, in the peaceful and tranquil restoration of liturgical practices long interrupted, and now humbly and confidently recalled to common spiritual joy, to the festive edification of the Christian people. Receive, receive, Venerable Brothers and beloved sons, the great blessing which, with heartfelt generosity and paternal affection, We impart to you through the authority and name of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul.

RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT: WHEREIN THE MOST BLESSED FATHER PRAISES TWO REFUGEES.

BEGINNING: WHICH IS COMMONLY CALLED "WORLD REFUGEE YEAR."

We learn with great satisfaction of the institution, through the efforts of the United Nations Organization, of a World Refugee Year, from June

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1959 to June 1960, and We wholeheartedly offer Our moral support and encouragement to this noble initiative. The plight of those who live in exile far from their homeland has always attracted the particular solicitude of the Catholic Church, which cannot forget the words of Christ, Her divine Founder: "For I was hungry, and you gave me food; I was thirsty, and you gave me drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in..."

Indeed, it is by the hundreds of thousands today – no one can deny it – that refugees, victims in various ways of the upheavals of recent years, are still held in camps and housed in barracks, humiliated in their human dignity, and sometimes exposed to the worst temptations of discouragement and despair. What man of heart could remain indifferent to this spectacle: so many men, women, and even children, deprived, without any fault of their own, of some of the most fundamental rights of the human person; families torn apart against their will, spouses separated from their spouses...

* June 28, 1959.

* Matthew 25:35.

* ACTA, Volume I, No. 9. – July 18, 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 482*]

482 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale: "Les enfants retenus loin de leurs parents..." Dans la société moderne, si fière de ses progrès techniques et sociaux, quelle anomalie douloureuse! Chacun a le devoir d'en prendre conscience et de faire ce qui dépend de lui pour la faire disparaître. Que n'avait-il pas déjà fait, en faveur des réfugiés de la première guerre mondiale, le Pape Benoît XV, dont le cœur généreux était si largement ouvert à toutes les détresses! Et que ne fit-il pas, à son tour, lors du dernier conflit, Notre immédiat Prédécesseur Pie XII, si compatissant aux souffrances humaines, si sensible à toute atteinte au droit naturel! Quelles interventions sur le plan international, quelles initiatives du Saint-Siège, quels secours de toutes sortes partis de la Cité du Vatican en ces années tragiques: activité bienfaisante aux multiples aspects, dont Nous fûmes Nous-mêmes, pour une part, le témoin ému et l'instrument! Appelé à recueillir ce précieux héritage de charité et de défense du pauvre, qui est un des plus beaux fleurons de l'Église catholique, Nous élevons la voix, à Notre tour, en faveur des réfugiés, et Nous exhortons paternellement Nos fils de toutes les parties du monde à apporter leur collaboration généreuse et efficace au succès de cette "Année Mondiale du Réfugié", inspirée par des vues si nobles et désintéressées, auxquelles il Nous plaît de rendre hommage. Que tous s'emploient donc, selon leurs moyens, à assurer un sort meilleur à leurs frères malheureux, se souvenant que leur attachement à l'Église et au Christ n'a pas été étranger, dans bien des cas, à leurs présentes épreuves. Et si l'un ou l'autre – ce qu'à Dieu ne plaise – était tenté de fermer son cœur à cet appel, qu'il se remette en mémoire le

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grave avertissement de Notre prédécesseur: "Et vous, vous qui demeurez insensibles aux angoisses du réfugié, errant sans toit, ne devriez-vous pas vous sentir solidaires de lui, dont le sort misérable d'aujourd'hui pourrait être le vôtre demain?" Nous exhortons – avant tout – les Pasteurs d'âmes à attirer l'attention de leurs fidèles sur cette invitation de la Providence à manifester leurs sentiments de charité chrétienne. Comme d'autre part l'initiative privée est impuissante à résoudre à elle seule des problèmes de cette ampleur, Nous avons confiance que les Autorités publiques auront à cœur, au cours de cette année, de poursuivre et d'intensifier encore les efforts si louablement entrepris dans ce domaine. Des résultats importants, Nous le savons, ont déjà été obtenus.

Pie XII: Radiomessage de Noël 1950, A. A. S. t. 43 [1951], p. 56.

[*Latin ed. p. 483*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII, 483, concerning the international sphere, particularly the drafting and adoption by a considerable number of states of the Convention of 1951 concerning the Status of Refugees. May these states, and others following in their footsteps, ever more generously open their borders and promptly ensure the human and social resettlement of so many unfortunate individuals! May they quickly regain that for which they so ardently yearn: a dignified existence, within a hospitable land of adoption, enjoying peacefully their personal and family rights. We earnestly invoke the protection and special favors of the Almighty and merciful God upon all those – individuals and communities – who will hasten the realization of this most desirable goal by participating in some way – as We ourselves will do according to Our means – in the success of the World Refugee Year.

[*Latin ed. p. 484*]

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SUPREME SACRED CONGREGATION OF THE HOLY OFFICE

WARNING

On July 31, 1958, *L'Osservatore Romano* published the following communication:

"It is made known that the Reverend Giovanni Taddei, of the Diocese of Biella, born in 1917, ordained in 1942, having obtained, through false letters of recommendation, the appointment as Extraordinary Chamberlain of His Holiness, in 1945, was suspended from the exercise of holy orders for a time. In 1952, the Reverend Taddei and his work, "La strada bianca" (The White Road), were warned with the following notification, published in *L'Osservatore Romano* on May 1st:

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The Reverend Giovanni Taddei, of the Diocese of Biella, currently suspended from the exercise of holy orders, has undertaken a foundation entitled "La strada bianca." It is made known that no authorization has been granted by the ecclesiastical authority to the aforementioned priest for this undertaking. Furthermore, the same Reverend Taddei has been warned not to engage in the conferral of pseudo-chivalric honors.

Moreover, given the persistent disobedience of the Reverend Taddei to the legitimate dispositions of the ecclesiastical authority, the Bishop of Albano, within whose diocese the aforementioned priest had established his residence, deprived him of the right to wear the clerical garb, in accordance with canon 2300 of the Code of Canon Law.

This measure was published in "Vita Diocesana," the official bulletin of the suburbicarian Diocese of Albano (No. 7, November 1957, p. 8), in the following terms:

"By Decree dated October 29, 1957, in accordance with canon 2300 of the Code of Canon Law, the Reverend Giovanni Taddei has been deprived of the right to wear the clerical garb, with the consequences stated in the aforementioned canon."

This notification was reported in *L'Osservatore Romano* (vol. 1958, No. 1, p. 5).

It is now learned that the Reverend Taddei has joined a non-Catholic sect, in which he has also purportedly received the episcopal consecration.

[*Latin ed. p. 485*]

Sacra Congregatio Rituum 485. Quare, ille incurrit in scomunica et in aliis poenis praescriptis in can. 2314 § 1. Praeterea, apparet quod dictus G. Taddei ausus est sacras ordinationes conferre personis catholicis, quae maxime repudiabantur a superioribus suis legitimis. Ordinariis admonentur: a) ut personae ita ordinatae, secundum circumstantias diversorum casuum, considerentur velut haeeretici, aut saltem velut suspectae haeresis; et ideo, ut tractentur secundum canones 2314 et 2315 Codicis Iuris Canonici; b) ut ordinationes tales a Ecclesia non recognoscantur, et ideo personae hae considerentur velut laici ad omnia effecta canonica, inclusa facultas contrahendi matrimonium. Ex Palatio S. Officii, die 8 Maii 1959. Ugo O'Flaherty, Notarius.

SACRA CONGREGATIO RITUUM MEDIOLANEN.

DE BEATIFICATIONE ET CANONIZATIONE SERVAE DEI MARIAE ANNAE SALA, CONGREGATIONIS SORORUM A S. MARCELLINA.

SUPER DUBIO: An signanda sit Commissio introductionis causae in casu et ad effectum de quo agitur.

"Quid par illi arti, scribit S. Ioannes Chrysostomus, quae dirigendae an-

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imae et efformandae iuvenis menti et indoli incumbit? Qui tali instructus est facultate, plus diligentiae exhibeat oportet, quam quivis pictor aut statuarius." (Hom. 60 in Matth. cap. 18, Migne, P. G. 58, col. 584).

"Nulla sane maior ars, quam illa quae instituit educatque pueros et adulescentes; est enim ea, ut ait S. Gregorius Nazianzenus, "ars artium, scientia scientiarum-" (Or. I I, Apologetica, Migne, P. G. 35, col. 425).

[*Latin ed. p. 486*]

486 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary. If, out of fear of God, which is the beginning and also the summit of wisdom, and according to the dictates of virtue, it is exercised, the greatest good is achieved, not only for Religion, but also for civil society, and those who strive for this are justly and deservedly praised. Among those whom the merciful God opportunely raised up and presented to the admiration of all, who with ardent zeal cultivated the minds and morals of young people, working with remarkable diligence, by word and example, is to be counted the Servant of God, Mary Anna Sala, concerning whose cause for beatification and canonization a discussion was recently held before the Congregation of Sacred Rites. She was born in Brivio, a town in the archdiocese of Milan, on April 21, 1829, and on the same day of her birth, she was cleansed with the sacred waters of baptism and received the white garment, the luster and beauty of which she strove to preserve. Her parents were John Mary Sala and Anne Comi, pious and honest spouses, sufficiently endowed with worldly goods, who raised their children, five in number, in the fear of God. She spent her childhood in her parents' home, entirely dependent on their care and filled with piety. On September 12, 1839, she was strengthened with the sacred chrism and, with great solace of mind, received the Holy Eucharist for the first time. Having been instructed in the first elements of Christian doctrine and literature in her native place, the Handmaid of God, in 1844, was entrusted to the Sisters, who bear the name of Saint Marcellina, in the town commonly called Vimercate, where she devoted herself to the humanities and was adorned with a diploma as a teacher. After a vast course of studies, she returned home and began to pursue the arduous path of virtue, and she devoted herself to works of charity: she helped the poor, taught the children of the town the first principles of the Christian faith, and encouraged them to be religious and to live good lives. Meanwhile, she increasingly felt, day by day, that she was divinely called to the religious life, desiring to devote herself entirely to the heavenly Spouse; after happily overcoming her father's opposition, she entered, on February 13, 1848, the house where she had previously been educated, among the Sisters of the Venerable Order of Saint Marcellina, and on April 12, 1849, she put on the sacred habit, and in September 1852, on the 13th day, she made her solemn profession, together with the first members of the same Institute, before the Archbishop of Milan. Soon after, devoted to the service of God, she was sent

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to a school for girls, located in the place called Cemusco sul Naviglio, where she diligently performed the duties of a teacher for a year, until 1858. Later, she also devoted herself to studies in Milan, and on September 25, 1865, she obtained a diploma for a higher degree of teaching, with exceptional honors.

[*Latin ed. p. 487*]

The Sacred Congregation of Rites, 487. Furthermore, through the houses of the Congregation, as she was diligent in obedience and humility, she fulfilled various offices and duties, namely: in the year 1866, she was a teacher in the school of Milan for older students; from 1868 to 1873, she was a teacher and house administrator in the newly founded Marcelline Institute in Genoa; from there, with a small group of young women, she moved to the city of Chambéry in France to establish a new house, which she directed for a year; then she returned to Genoa. In the year 1878, she requested another school in Milan, on Via Quadronno, and there, until the very end of her life, she taught girls, and she was the first assistant to the General Superior and a member of the Council. For several years, she was a teacher of novices, and she devoted herself to many other, even more humble, duties. In all these duties, the Servant of God presented herself as an example of religious perfection; she considered all that she accomplished as divinely entrusted to her, and she strove to perform them with such piety that she would win the hearts of all. She especially fulfilled the important duty of teaching in a holy and faithful manner; for, as is fitting for a teacher, she was learned, gentle, patient, attentive, and diligent. She sought to unite human knowledge with the fear of God in the minds and wills of her students. She displayed remarkable constancy in fulfilling the daily duties of life; fidelity and the constant practice of virtues were the external manifestation of the interior life of the Servant of God, which she nurtured through prayer, the Sacraments of the Church, and constant meditation on the Gospel. Finally, weakened by a disease which she bore patiently, and having received the last sacraments of the dying, the Servant of God passed from the darkness of this life to eternal light on November 24th, in the year 1891. After religious ceremonies, her body was buried in the chapel of the Marcelline Sisters in the cemetery of Cornusco sul Naviglio. Throughout her life, the Servant of God Anna Maria Sala, having followed a righteous path, not only never, as it seems, deviated from it, but also, with a manly spirit, persevered in her pursuit of holiness, and she was renowned for her sanctity in life. This reputation, far from diminishing, has increased with each passing day after her death, and is accompanied by heavenly signs which are attributed to her intercession. Therefore, canonical inquiries were begun in 1931, with ordinary authority, in the archiepiscopal Curia of Milan, regarding the reputation of her holy life, her virtues, and miracles in general, as well as regarding writings and

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the liturgical cult not yet rendered to this Servant of God. This process, having been completed according to the norms of the sacred canons in 1938, was brought before the Congregation of Rites. Meanwhile, letters were sent to the Apostolic See regarding the virtues of this same Servant of God.

[*Latin ed. p. 488*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See – Official Commentary. Forty-eight examples for all the faithful, especially educators and teachers, are presented in this our age, in which it seems both necessary and difficult to form the morals of young people and adolescents. Therefore, having observed all that which must be observed by law, the Sacred Congregation of Rites, having considered the writings dedicated to the aforementioned Servant of God, decreed on December 3rd of the year 1944 that nothing should impede proceeding to further steps. Hence, at the urging of the Reverend Father Humbert M. Fasola, legitimately constituted promoter of the Barnabite Congregation and of this Cause, Our Most Eminent and Reverend Lord Cardinal Aloisi Masella, Bishop of Praenestin, and likewise Promoter or Relator of this Cause, in the assembly of the Ordinary Congregation of Sacred Rites, convened on January 13th of this year, in the Vatican buildings, proposed the following question for discussion: Whether a Commission for the introduction of the cause should be appointed, in the case and for the purpose under consideration. And the Most Eminent and Reverend Fathers, entrusted with safeguarding the sacred rites, after the report of the Cardinal Promoter, having also heard the Official Prelates, especially the Reverend Father Dr. Silvio Romani, General Promoter of the Faith, having diligently considered all things, judged it fitting to respond: Affirmative, that is to say, that the Commission for the introduction of the cause should be appointed, if it pleases the Most Holy. After these matters had been reported to Our Most Holy Lord Pope John XXIII by the aforementioned General Promoter of the Faith, His Holiness, approving the response of the aforementioned Sacred Congregation, deigned graciously to sign the Commission for the introduction of the cause of the Servant of God Mary Anne Sala with his own hand. Given in Rome, on the 28th day of the month of January, in the year of Our Lord 1959. C. Card. CICOGNANI, Prefect. L. © S. Henry Dante, Prosecretary.

[*Latin ed. p. 489*]

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SACRA PAENITENTIARIA APOSTOLICA

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ORATIO AB AUTORADARIIS RECITANDA, A SUMMO PONTIFICE IOANNE XXIII EXARATA ET INDULGENTIIS DITATA.

O Deus, Pater Omnipotens, qui hominem creavisti ad imaginem tuam, infundens in corpus animam immortalem quae ad Te anhelat et per vias fidei ad Te pervenire et in Te requiescere desiderat, concede nobis, conductores, qui vias huius mundi percurrimus ad servitium fratrum nostrorum, ut sentiamus gravitatem responsabilitatis nostrae et ostende nobis viam caritatis et prudentiae.

Iesu, Verbo Incarnato, qui hic in terra vias terrae et maris percurristi, ut fugeres inimicos, ut infirmitas sanaretur, ut Regnum Caelorum praedicares, fac nos fortes et perseverantes in bono et conserva nos semper in gratia Tua.

Virgo Immaculata, quae fuisti auxilium Iesu Bambino in itineribus exilii, dux in peregrinationibus eius adolescentis ad Civitatem Sanctam, propinquissima in ascensione ad Calvary, et quae nunc, Assumpta in Caelum, es Regina Mundi, Mater benignitatis et misericordiae, via et porta Caelorum, esto nobis propitia in itinere nostro terreno, defende nos ab periculis animae et corporis quibus continuo expomur, fac nos bonos et patientes erga proximum, qui nobis se committit.

Spiritus caelestes, qui per spatias volatilis sicut nuntii Altissimi, Sancti Caelorum, praesertim vos qui estis Apostoli, Missionarii, portatores Christi, impetrati nobis fidem vivam quae vitam nostram ad Deum dirigat et nos semper paratos teneat ad ultimam peregrinationem ad Patriam aeternam, ubi cum vobis Deum laudabimus in saecula saeculorum.

Amen.

Die 5 Iunii 1959

Summus Dominus Noster Ioannes Div. Prov. Pp. XXIII benigne concedere dignatus est partialem trium annorum Indulgentiam in favorem autoradariorum, qui supra relatam orationem saltem corde contrito ac devote recitaverint.

Contrariis quibuslibet minime obstantibus.

N. Card. CANALI, Paenitentiarius Maior

L. S. I. Rossi, a Secretis.

[*Latin ed. p. 490*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 490. ROMAN CURIA DIARY. Thursday, June 18, 1959, the Holy Father received in a solemn Audience Their Most Serene Highnesses, RANIERI III, Sovereign Prince of Monaco, and Her Highness, the Princess Consort. Saturday, June 27, 1959, the Holy Father received in a solemn Audience His Excellency, General CHARLES DE GAULLE, President of the French Republic and President of the Community, and the Consort.

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SECRETARY OF STATE. APPOINTMENTS. By Apostolic Briefs, the Holy Father, John XXIII, happily reigning, deigned to appoint:

May 5, 1959. The Most Reverend and Illustrious Cardinal Tisserant, Eugene, Protector of the Congregation of the "Retraite du Sacré Cœur Société de Marie" (Angers).

The Most Reverend and Illustrious Cardinal Urban, John, Protector of the Sisters Servants of the Divine Child (Venice).

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Monsignor Paupini, Joseph, titular Archbishop of Sebastopol of Abasgia, Apostolic Nuncio in Colombia.

Mr. Attorney Ciprotti, Pius, Consistorial Advocate.

By Letters from the Secretary of State, the Holy Father, John XXIII, happily reigning, deigned to appoint:

June 8, 1959. The Reverend Fathers Salvador, Emiliano, of the Order of Preachers, and Ilario of Milan, of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, Consultors of the Sacred Congregation of Rites (I Section - for Causes of Beatification and Canonization).

The Most Reverend and Illustrious Cardinal Cicognani, Amleto John, Member of the Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office.

[*Latin ed. p. 491*]

Diarium Romanum, June 22, 1923. Curia, 491, 1959. His Most Reverend Excellency, Monsignor Giacomo Testa, titular Archbishop of Eraclea of Europe, President of the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy. His Eminence and Reverend Lord Cardinal Carlo Oliaro, Member of the Sacred Congregation of Rites. Furthermore, with letters from the Secretariat of State, the Most Holy Father John XXIII, happily reigning, deigned to appoint:

Assistants to the Papal Throne:

February 6, 1959. His Most Reverend Excellency, Monsignor Francesco Keough, Archbishop of Baltimore.

His Most Reverend Excellency, Monsignor Girolamo Bartolomeo Bortignon, Bishop of Padua, March 25.

His Most Reverend Excellency, Monsignor Giuseppe Zaffonato, Archbishop of Udine, April 3.

His Most Reverend Excellency, Monsignor Giuseppe Michele Gilmore, Bishop of Helena.

His Most Reverend Excellency, Monsignor Placido Maria Cambiaghi, Bishop of Crema, May 10.

His Most Reverend Excellency, Monsignor Giovanni Battista Mégnin, Bishop of Angoulême, May 17.

His Most Reverend Excellency, Monsignor Luigi Batanian, Archbishop of Aleppo of the Armenians, May 15.

His Most Reverend Excellency, Monsignor Guglielmo Francesco Saverio

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Cobben, Bishop of Helsinki.

His Most Reverend Excellency, Monsignor Camillo Verfaillie, titular Bishop of Oea.

His Most Reverend Excellency, Monsignor Riccardo Pittini, Archbishop of Santo Domingo, May 30.

Extraordinary Secret Chamberlains to His Holiness:

March 3, 1959.

Monsignor Giuseppe Guzzini, of the diocese of Recanati-Loreto.

Monsignor Alessandro Donini, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Alessandro Ottaviani, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Albino Mancinelli, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Alcide Morresi, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Benedetto Galluzzi, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Ettore Castellani, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Amedeo Broccolo, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Primo Recanati, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Romeo Brighenti, of the archdiocese of San Sebastiano of Rio de Janeiro.

Monsignor Ivo Antonio Calliari, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Emanuele dell'Assunzione Castello Branco, of the same archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Cesar Alvaro Pio, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Macedo Simeone Correa de, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Bastos Anthony da Silva, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Bastos Cyprian da Silva, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Menezes Solano Dantas de, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Leite Ensebio da Rocha, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Pinto Joseph Albert de Castro, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Salgado Francis de Paula, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend De Mello Olympius, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Dornelas Barbosa Emmanuel, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Ferreira Pinto Francis, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Serpa Aramis Ferreira, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Barros John Gabriel Gonçalves de, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Lira Louis Gonzaga, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Da Rocha Louis Mariano, of the same Archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Luke Joseph Joachim, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Mac Dowell Francis, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Marinho de Oliveira Benedict, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Moss Tapa jos Joseph Maria, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Negromonte Alvaro, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Novaretti Mario, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Portella Nunes Cicerone, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Rodrigues Santa Rosa Emmanuel, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Teixeira Leite Penido Maurilius, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Vilanova Segura Toribius, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Nicola Corciulo, of the Diocese of Tagent.

Most Reverend Carmelo Cozzato, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Mark De Leo, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Anthony De Lech, of the same Diocese.

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the Holy See.

To His Excellency, Raffaele León Larrea, Ambassador of Ecuador to the Holy See.

To His Excellency, Peter De Yurrita Maury, Ambassador of Guatemala to the Holy See.

To His Excellency, Colbert Bonhomme, Ambassador of Haiti to the Holy See.

To His Excellency, Francesco Giuseppe Durón, Ambassador of Honduras to the Holy See.

To His Excellency, Thomas Leone McCauley, Ambassador of Ireland to the Holy See.

To the Honorable Amintore Fanfani (Italy).

To His Excellency, Bartolomeo Migone, Ambassador of Italy to the Holy See.

To His Excellency, Senjin Tsuruoka, Ambassador of Japan to the Holy See.

To His Excellency, Hussein Oueini (Lebanon).

To His Royal Highness, Prince Charles of Luxembourg.

To His Excellency, Carlo Velilla, Ambassador of Paraguay to the Holy See.

To His Excellency, Count Francesco de Marchant et d'Ansembourg, Ambassador of the Netherlands to the Holy See.

To His Excellency, Luigi Lanata Coudy, Ambassador of Peru to the Holy See.

To His Excellency, Giuseppe Delgado, Ambassador of the Philippines to the Holy See.

To His Excellency, Marcello Mathias (Portugal).

To His Excellency, Colonel Thomas Perez Tenreiro, Ambassador of Venezuela to the Holy See, April 1959.

To Mr. Luigi Giuseppe Maria Beel (Netherlands).

To His Excellency, Giuseppe Pella, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Italian Republic.

To His Excellency, Evangelos Averoff-Tossizza, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Greece, May.

To Mr. Carlo Giovanni Nossent, of the Archdiocese of Milan.

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Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 496 June 4th » 12 » » From His Excellency Fatin Rüstü Zorlu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey. From His Excellency Couve de Murville Maurizio, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of France. The Order of the Plough,

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with Plaque: December 12th, 1958. To His Excellency Noghès Paolo (Principality of Monaco). June 12th, 1959. To Mr. Chancel Lewis (France). » » » To Mr. Boegner John Mark (France). » » » To Mr. Gillet Bernard (France). » » » To Mr. Verdier John (France).

NECROLOGY

May 27th, 1959. Monsignor Garcia Grain Joseph M., titular Bishop of Alabanda, Apostolic Vicar of Puerto Maldonado.

May 28th » » Monsignor Stepa Jan, Bishop of Tarnów.

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June 28th » » Monsignor Chen Chi-ming Job, Bishop of Chengting.

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ENCYCLICAL LETTER TO VENERABLE BROTHERS, PATRIARCHS, PRIMATES, ARCHBISHOPS, BISHOPS, AND OTHER ORDINARY LOCALS, WHO HAVE COMMUNION WITH THE APOSTOLIC SEE, AND ALSO TO THE ENTIRE CLERGY AND FAITHFUL OF THE CATHOLIC WORLD:

ON PROMOTING TRUTH, UNITY, AND PEACE WITH THE INSPIRATION OF CHARITY.

JOHN PP. XXIII.

VENERABLE BROTHERS, BELOVED SONS,

GREETINGS AND APOSTOLIC BLESSINGS.

To the Chair of Peter, though unworthy, we are drawn, and we consider,

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not without admonition, nor without consolation, what we have seen and heard concerning our predecessor, who, having completed his life, has left behind him almost all of every nation, of every opinion; and afterwards, towards us, called to the summit of the Supreme Pontificate, likewise multitudes of minds and hearts, although concerned and troubled by other grave events and difficulties, have turned their hope and expectation.

This undoubtedly demonstrates that the Catholic Church perpetually flourishes in youth, and is as it were a raised standard to the nations, and from it shines forth a gentle and sweet light, which reaches all peoples.

1 32 Cf. Is. X, 12? - ACTA, Vol. 12, I, No. 30. - 22-T-1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 498*]

498 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale. Furthermore, as We have announced, it is Our intention to celebrate an Ecumenical Council and a Roman Synod, and also to prepare a Code of Canon Law adapted to present-day needs, and to publish a new Code of that kind for the Eastern Rite Church. It has pleased Us to learn that this has gained the agreement of many, and that there is a common hope that the minds of all may be better and more deeply aroused to recognize the truth, to restore wholesome Christian morals, and to happily promote unity, concord, and peace. At present, however, We shall address these three causes – namely, truth, unity, and peace – in order to promote and foster them with the spirit of charity, through these Encyclical Letters which We are giving as the first to the entire Catholic world, since this seems to Us to be the most important task required by the apostolic office which We hold. May the light of the Holy Spirit be with Us as We write, and with you as you read; and may the merciful grace of God move all to attain these things which are in common aspirations, even though many prejudices, difficulties, and obstacles are opposed to achieving them. Among all the things that infect citizens, peoples, and nations like a poison, and disturb the minds of many, the root and cause is this: the ignorance of truth, or rather, not only its ignorance, but sometimes even its contempt, and its reckless aversion from it. For from this, all kinds of errors arise, which, like plagues, invade the depths of the soul and the very veins of human society, and act to the great detriment of both the individual and the entire human association. But God has given us a mind, capable of grasping natural truth. If we follow this, we follow God Himself, the author of our life, our guide, and our lawgiver; but if we turn away from it, either through ignorance or through carelessness, and

[*Latin ed. p. 499*]

Acta Ioannis Pp. 499 XXIII: Or, even because of the wickedness of the mind, we turn away from the highest good and from the rule of right living. However, although, as we have said, we can grasp natural truths by the

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power of our own mind, nevertheless—especially concerning religion and right conduct—it does not easily happen for all, nor without the admixture of errors; and furthermore, those things which surpass the grasp of nature and reason, we cannot reach in any way, unless by the divine illuminating and inspiring power. Therefore, the Word of God, which « Who only hath immortality and inhabiteth light inaccessible », 2, having taken pity on the fate of men with immense charity, « And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us (and we saw his glory, the glory as it were of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth » 3, so that he might enlighten « That was the true light, which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world » 4, and lead all not only to the complete and perfect truth, but also to virtue and to eternal blessedness. Therefore, all are bound to embrace the Evangelical doctrine, for if it is rejected, the very foundations of truth, integrity, and civil order crumble. This concerns, as is evident, a most serious matter, which is most closely joined to our eternal salvation. Those, as the Apostle of the Gentiles warns, who are « ever learning, and never attaining to the knowledge of the truth » 5, who assert that no certain, safe, and true thing can be known by the human mind, and who reject the truths revealed by God, which are necessary for our eternal salvation, are undoubtedly, and most pitiably, astray from the doctrine of Christ and from the sentiment of his Apostles, who said: « ... That we all may attain unto unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God; unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ; that henceforth we be no more children, tossed to and fro, and led away by every wind of doctrine, by the guile of men, by the craftiness of error. But speaking the truth in love, we may in all things grow up unto him, who is the head, even Christ; from whom all the body, being fitted and joined together by that which every joint supplieth...» 2.

1. 2 Tim. I, 6.
2. John I, 14.
3. John I, 9.
4. 2 Tim. III, 4.
5. 2 Tim. III, 7.

[*Latin ed. p. 500*]

"Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale 500 tionis, according to its operation, contributes to the growth of each member, thereby building up the body in charity."

6. "But those who deliberately and rashly oppose known truth, and who use the weapons of falsehood in their speech, writing, and actions, in order to attract people to themselves and to gain their favor, and in order to influence and conform the minds of the ignorant and impressionable young, undoubtedly abuse the ignorance and innocence of others, and engage in

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a practice that is utterly to be condemned. In this matter, we cannot but urge them, in a special way, to present the truth diligently, cautiously, and prudently, those who contribute so greatly through books, commentaries, and newspapers, of which there is now such a large abundance, to the education and upbringing of citizens, especially young people, and to the formation of their opinions and the regulation of their morals. They are bound by a most serious duty not to spread falsehoods, nor anything untrue, nor anything shameful, but only the truth, and especially those things that lead not to vices, but to good deeds and virtue. Indeed, with great sorrow, we observe what our predecessor, the now blessed Leo XIII, foretold: 'Falsehood boldly creeps... through laborious volumes and slender books, through the fleeting pages of newspapers, and through the adorned scenes of theaters'; we observe 'volumes and periodicals composed to mock virtue and to glorify wickedness.' 7 And at present, venerable brothers and beloved sons, to this are added, as you well know, radio broadcasts and, likewise, cinematographic and television shows – the latter being easily accessible in homes – from which, although they can offer invitations and encouragement to virtue, honesty, and even Christian values, they often..."

7. *Eph. I V, 13-16.*

8. *Epist. Saepenumero considerantes; A. L., vol. III, 1883, p. 262.*

9. *Epist. Exeunte iam anno; A. L., vol. VIII, 1888, p. 396.*

[*Latin ed. p. 501*]

From the Acts of Pope John XXIII, 501, even to corrupt morals, alas, to the degradation of life, to the deceptions of errors, and to the slippery vices of seduction, these can arise, especially in the minds of young people. Therefore, the weapons of truth and probity must be opposed to these harmful things, namely, with the intention of diligently and carefully preventing the spread of this great evil, which creeps ever wider. Therefore, it is necessary to oppose false and deceptive writings with writings that are right and sincere; and to those radio broadcasts, cinematographic spectacles, and television programs, which entice to errors or to the allure of vices, one must present those that defend the truth, and strive to preserve the integrity of morals; so that these arts, which can do so much harm, may be turned to the salvation and benefit of people, along with honest enjoyment, and that remedies may be provided, from which the poisons of evil often originate. Furthermore, there are those who, although they do not deliberately attack the truth, nevertheless suffer from the greatest negligence and carelessness towards it, as if God had not given us a mind to investigate and attain the truth. This perverse way of acting leads to an absurd conclusion: that all religions must be treated equally, without any distinction between truth and falsehood. "For this principle," to use the words of Our Predecessor, "compared to the ruin of all religions, especially the Catholic religion, which, being one of all that are true, cannot be equated with the others

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without the greatest injustice." And furthermore, to consider that there is no difference between contrary and adverse things, certainly leads to this disastrous outcome: to refuse to approve of any religion by judgment, and to refuse to practice it. How can God, who is truth, approve or tolerate the carelessness, negligence, and forgetfulness of those who, when matters are discussed from which the eternal salvation of all of us depends, have no thought, no consideration?

[*Latin ed. p. 502*]

Concerning matters pertaining to the Apostolic See – Commentary 502: Is there anything more important than diligently seeking and discovering those truths which are essential for the proper worship due to the one true God? If so much effort, so much diligence, is expended today in acquiring and developing human knowledge, so that this our age may justly and deservedly boast of the remarkable progress made in the field of understanding and reason, why should we not apply the same, or even greater, zeal, diligence, and eagerness to those doctrines which, in a certain and secure manner, lead to the knowledge of eternal truths, truths which pertain not to this earthly and mortal life, but to the heavenly life to come? Only then, when we have attained to the truth that springs forth from the Gospel, and which must be put into action in our lives, only then, we say, will our soul find peace and tranquility; and that joy will far surpass that joy which can arise from the investigation of human affairs and from those marvelous discoveries with which we are now using, and which are daily proclaimed to the heavens. II From this truth attained – a truth that is full, complete, and sincere – unity must radiate and emanate into our minds, hearts, and actions. For all discord, disagreements, and dissensions arise, as it were, from this very source: either from a truth that is not known, or, which is worse, from a truth that, although explored and understood, is nevertheless rejected, either because of the perceived advantages and benefits that are often hoped for from false opinions, or because of that perverse blindness by which human vices and injustices are easily excused and pardoned. Therefore, it is necessary that all, both private citizens and those whose hands hold the fate of nations, earnestly pursue the truth, if they desire to attain concord and peace, for—

[*Latin ed. p. 503*]

Acta Ioannis P.P. XXIII, 503: Prosperitas veri nominis potest privata et publice oriri. Ad quam concordiam et pacem, eos nominatim hortamur, qui gubernacula respublicae moderantur. Nos, qui supra omnes contentiones populorum positι sumus, et qui populos omnes pari caritate amplectimur, et qui nullis ducimur terrenis utilitatibus, nullis politicis dominationibus, nullis praesentis huius vitae cupiditatibus, videtur posse, hac de gravissima causa loquentes, ab omnibus cuiusvis gentis aequo animo iudicari, ae-

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quo animo exaudiri. Deus homines creavit non inimicos, sed fratres; terram dedit eis ad opera et laborem excolendam, ut ex ea singuli universi fructus caperent et ea omnia, quae ad victum et vitae usum essent necessaria. Variae autem nationes nihil aliud sunt, nisi hominum, hoc est, fratrum, communitates, quae non modo ad proprium cuiusque finem, sed ad communem etiam totius humanae consortionis prosperitatem, fraterno coniunctae foedere, contendere debent. Ac praeterea, iter mortalis huius vitae non est solum aliquid in se considerandum atque oblectationis causa suscipiendum; non ad interitum humanae carnis solummodo ducit, sed ad vitam etiam immortalem, sed ad patriam etiam perpetuo mansuram. Si haec doctrina, si haec spes solacii plena ex animis hominum evelli tur, tota causa vivendi labitur; cupiditates, contentiones ac discordiae necessario erumpunt e penetralibus nostris, nullo valido freno compescendae; non oliva pacis mentibus splendet, sed discordiarum faces flammescunt; sors nostra bestiarum sorti, quae sunt rationis expertes, quasi aequatur; quin immo deterior est, quandoquidem, cum nos simus rationis vi praediti, ea abutentes possumus ad peius eniti et prolabi, quod saepius, pro dolor, evenit; atque, ut iam Cain, fraterno effuso sanguine et gravi patrato crimine terram foedare. Ante omnia igitur necessarium est ad recta eiusmodi principia mentem revocare, animos revocare, si volumus, quod oportet.

[*Latin ed. p. 504*]

504 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale. Let us strive, therefore, that even our actions may be guided towards the path of justice. For why, if we are called brothers and are so, if we share a common destiny in this life and in the life to come, why, we ask, can we act as adversaries, enemies, and foes to one another? Why envy others, why stir up hatred, and why compare weapons of death to our brothers? Oh, enough of the strife among men; already, too many young people, in the prime of their lives, have shed their blood. Already, too many cemeteries, filled with the dead from wars, occupy the earth, and with a stern voice, they warn all to finally return to concord, to unity, and to just peace. Therefore, let all direct their minds not towards those things by which men are divided and separated from one another, but rather towards those things by which they can be joined together through mutual esteem and a just consideration of each other's rights and interests. If peace, as it ought to be, is sought through means other than war, if the fraternal concord of peoples is sincerely desired by all, then it will be possible for public affairs and laws to be rightly recognized and, therefore, happily arranged; and it will also be possible for those things to be sought out and established, through common deliberations, which will lead the entire human family to that most desired unity, in which individual nations may enjoy their own rights of freedom, not subject to others, but entirely secure. Those who oppress others, who deprive them of their due freedom, certainly

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cannot contribute to this unity. In this matter, the sentiment of Our most wise Predecessor, the blessed Leo XIII, is perfectly fitting: "To restrain ambition, the desire for what belongs to others, and emulation, which are the greatest causes of war, nothing is more suitable than Christian virtue, and especially justice." Otherwise, if the people do not attain this fraternal unity, which is founded on the precepts of justice and fostered by charity, the affairs stand in a very grave condition; from which it follows that...

[*Latin ed. p. 505*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 505: All may lament and grieve, because it seems uncertain whether they are being led, through blindness, either to a firm, true, and sincere peace, or rather, to a new and most terrible conflagration of war. We say "through blindness," for if—may God avert it—a new war should break out, given those portents of arms that our age has brought forth, all peoples, whether those who are vanquished or even those who may be victorious, will expect and receive nothing but immense ruin and devastation. Therefore, we implore all, especially those who govern public affairs, to consider this with a prudent and attentive mind before God, the Judge; and to seek, with a willing and eager heart, all those paths that lead to the necessary unity. For this very concord, by which, as we have said, the prosperity of all peoples will undoubtedly be increased, can only be restored when, with peaceful minds and with the rights of all securely established, freedom shines forth everywhere for the Church, for nations, and for each individual citizen. But this concord, sought among nations and peoples, must also increasingly promote harmony among the classes of citizens; otherwise, as we can already see, mutual hatreds and animosities may arise, from which tumultuous crowds, unfortunate changes in affairs, and sometimes even massacres may occur, along with public and private resources that are daily exhausted and brought into danger. On this very matter, Our Predecessor rightly and deservedly observed: "(God) ordained the disparity of classes in the human race, and a certain equality among them, arising from a friendly cooperation." Indeed, it is clear "how the members of a body are joined together in a certain way, so that there exists a relationship, which may rightly be called symmetry, in the same way..."

[*Latin ed. p. 506*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 506, ordered that in the city, the classes should be arranged in such a way that they agree with each other harmoniously, and respond suitably to each other for the sake of balance. Indeed, one is entirely dependent on the other: neither work can exist without resources, nor resources without work. "Harmony produces the beauty of things and order."

Therefore, those who dare to deny this disparity among the classes of

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citizens are acting contrary to the very laws of nature; and those who oppose this friendly and necessary cooperation between the orders of citizens are undoubtedly trying to disrupt and divide human society, to the great detriment and harm of both private and public welfare.

Furthermore, as Our Predecessor of blessed memory, Pope Pius XII, wisely asserted: "Among a people truly worthy of the name, the inequalities among the classes of citizens, which do not arise from human will, but from the very nature of things – we mean those inequalities that pertain to the cultivation of the mind and soul, to economic matters, to the various conditions of citizens – in no way hinder the bonds of common brotherhood."

Indeed, each class and each order of citizens can defend the rights that belong to them, provided that this is done not by force, but legitimately, and that it does not unjustly infringe upon the rights of others, which must also be respected. All are brothers; therefore, everything must be arranged with mutual friendship and fraternal charity. In this regard, it must be admitted, and it gives hope for better things, that in some places in recent times, the relationships and reasons for connection between the classes of citizens are less strong, less intense, and less difficult; as Our aforementioned Predecessor, addressing the Catholic citizens of Germany, affirmed with these words: "The most terrible calamity of the recent war, which struck you so grievously, at least brought this advantage, that in many orders of your people, preconceived opinions and excessive concern for one's own advantage..."

[*Latin ed. p. 507*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, page 507: "Having set aside the love of money, the studies of the classes, which are somewhat at odds with one another, become more peaceful, and men, more readily united to one another. For a common misfortune is salutary for all, even if bitter, being a teacher of discipline."

Indeed, the distance between the classes of citizens has been lessened, since those who now contribute, whether with goods or with labor, have multiplied, and it is easier for all citizens to participate; and those who are diligent and skilled are given the opportunity to ascend to higher levels of civil society. And it is seen, especially with regard to those who live by daily labor, that all those endeavors which make the conditions under which artisans work in workshops and in other fields of labor more humane, are being undertaken, so that these artisans may be valued not only with regard to economic matters, but also for a higher and more worthy kind of human life.

However, much still remains to be done. For excessive disparities still exist, and excessive causes of envy among various groups, sometimes due to a deficient or even entirely unjust opinion of the rights of property, among

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those who unjustly enjoy more advantages and benefits. To this is added that dreaded idleness, which afflicts many and vexes them greatly, and which today presents even greater difficulties, partly because the work of artisans often requires the most perfect kinds of machinery. Such idleness was already lamented by Our Predecessor, Pope Pius XI, with these words: "For it is seen that those forced into idleness, and therefore into extreme poverty, together with the countless number of honest artisans who are distressed because they cannot earn an honorable living, are almost infinite, and they desire nothing more than to be able to earn their daily bread with honor, which they receive from the Heavenly Father."

[*Latin ed. p. 508*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 508, which, by divine mandate, are completed. Indeed, their lamentations touch Our heart; and We, moved by the same mercy, command that the request presented before the assembly of men, from the most loving heart of the Divine Master, be repeated concerning those who suffer from hunger: "I have mercy on the multitude." Truly, if we desire and seek – and we must truly desire and seek – the mutual union of the classes of citizens, public and private works combined with zealous endeavors, it must be done with all our strength, so that even the humblest people may be able to provide for their necessary needs through their own labor and the sweat of their brow, and to provide for themselves and their own in the future in a safe and honorable manner. And furthermore, the conditions of our times have brought many benefits to the common good, which even those of lesser fortune are not permitted to be deprived of. Moreover, We earnestly exhort those who are engaged in or direct various fields of human labor, and in whom the fate and sometimes even the life of workers rests, that they not only consider what profit their workers produce through their labor, and that they safely secure their rights with regard to wages, but also that they consider them as men, indeed as brothers; and that they also ensure that workers may more and more participate in the fruits of their labor in a just and appropriate manner, and that they feel themselves to be a part of the entire undertaking. Therefore, We urge this, so that the rights and duties of employers may more and more correspond with the rights and duties of workers, and that various associations concerning this matter "may not appear as weapons intended to inflict or repel injuries, which suppress the will of others and create opposing forces, nor as a river that is blocked by hasty obstacles, but rather as a bridge that joins opposing shores." MARC. 16 A. A. 8., vol. 17 VIII, 1 7. Potissi- 2. XXIII, "For a solid social order": Discorsi e radiomessaggi di Pio XII, vol. V I I , p. 350. 1931, pp. 393-394.

[*Latin ed. p. 509*]

From the Acts of Pope John XXIII, 509: "However, it must be ensured

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that the progress in economic matters, of which we have spoken, is accompanied by no less – indeed, by a greater – progress in moral matters; for this is fitting both for Christians and for all men. For what benefit will it bring to workers to acquire a greater abundance of material goods and to enjoy the benefits of a more refined life, if they lose or neglect those higher goods which pertain to the immortal soul? This, however, will be achieved if the Catholic Church's social doctrine, as it ought to be, is applied to the matter; and also if all strive to foster and maintain, in themselves and in others, from the highest to the lowest, the supreme and most excellent of all virtues, charity. Indeed, salvation is to be hoped for primarily through a great outpouring of charity: Christian charity, which is the summary law of the whole Gospel, and which is always ready to devote itself for the benefit of others, is the surest antidote for the arrogance and immoderate self-love of the world. The Apostle Paul expressed the qualities and characteristics of this virtue with these words: 'Charity is patient, charity is kind; it envies not; it vaunts not itself; it is not puffed up; it does not behave itself unseemly; it seeks not its own; it is not easily provoked; it thinks no evil; it rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; it bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.'" And finally, we earnestly and paternally exhort all peoples, their leaders, and all classes of citizens to strive for the same unity, and to confirm it, also urging all families to do so. For how can peace, unity, and harmony be found in civil society if they are not present in the domestic sphere? This harmonious and concordant unity, which must not be confined within the walls of the home, but must extend to all, arises from the very unbreakable bond of Christian marriage and its sanctity; and it nourishes a great part of the order, progress, and prosperity of the entire civil society. The father of a family should act as a representative of God among his own, and not only through authority, [1 Corinthians XIII, 4-7. Epist. Inter graves; A. L., vol. X I , p. 143-144.]

[*Latin ed. p. 510*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - 510. The official commentary should shine forth to others not only through its correctness, but also through the example of its own virtuous life. The wife, truly the mother of the family, should govern her household with firmness and gentleness, commanding her children with a spirit of kindness; she should be patient and loving towards her husband; and together with him, she should diligently cultivate and educate the family, that most precious gift bestowed by God, so that they may live a life of piety and virtue. And those children born of this union should always obey their parents, honor them, and provide them not only with comfort, but also, if necessary, with assistance. May charity flourish within the walls of the home, and may all Christian virtues blossom, may unity prevail, and may examples of virtuous living shine forth. Oh, may it never happen – we earnestly pray to God – that this harmony, so good, so

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sweet, so necessary, be broken; for if the sacred institutions of the Christian family are undermined, if the precepts imparted by the Divine Redeemer on this matter are rejected or disregarded, then surely the very foundations of public life are shaken, and civil society itself is corrupted, and is placed in grave danger, not without the loss and detriment of all citizens.

III. Now let us speak of that unity which is most dear to Us, and which is most closely connected with the pastoral office entrusted to Us by God: namely, the unity of the Church. Everyone knows that the Divine Redeemer founded a society that would be one until the end of the ages, according to the words: "Behold, I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world." And for this reason, He offered the most fervent prayers to the Heavenly Father. This prayer of Jesus Christ, which was certainly accepted and heard, is found in Matthew XXVIII, 20. "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world."

[*Latin ed. p. 511*]

Acta Ioannis P. XXIII, 511 ter, "that they also may be made perfect in one, and that I may be in them, and thou in me, that we may be all made one." 22 This most sweet hope gives and confirms to us the expectation that, at last, all the sheep that are not of this fold may return to it; therefore, according to the judgment of that same Divine Redeemer: "There shall be one fold, and one pastor." 23 Indeed, this most delightful hope has already led us and strongly incited us to propose publicly that Oecumenical Council, to which the sacred prelates, from the entire world, will come together to treat of grave matters concerning religion, especially for the sake of the growth of the Catholic Faith and for the proper renewal of the morals of the Christian people, and that the ecclesiastical discipline may be more suitably adapted to the needs and reasons of our times. This will indeed present a wondrous spectacle of truth, unity, and charity; a spectacle, we say, that even those who are separated from this Apostolic See will, we trust, receive with a welcome invitation to seek and attain that unity for which Jesus Christ fervently prayed to the Celestial Father. Indeed, we know, and it is a comfort to us, that in these latter times, among not a few communities that are separated from the Chair of Blessed Peter, there has arisen a certain stirred inclination towards the Catholic faith and institutions, and a not inconsiderable esteem for this Apostolic See, prejudices being dispelled by the pursuit of truth. And we also know that almost all those who, although separated from us and from each other, are adorned with the Christian name, have held gatherings not a few times to forge bonds among themselves, and have therefore established councils; which demonstrates that they are strongly moved by a desire to attain at least some degree of unity. 22 John XVII, 23. 23 John X, 16. "And other sheep I have that are not of this

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fold." 21.

[*Latin ed. p. 512*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 512. Without doubt, the Divine Redeemer established His Church founded on the most solid unity and endowed with it; and if, by way of argument, He had not done so, He would certainly have acted in a manner that would be precarious and, at least for the future, contrary to Himself, for in the same way that almost all philosophies, which are permitted by the arbitrary will of various men's opinions, arise from one another over time, are transformed, and vanish. But to oppose this, by the divine teaching of Jesus Christ, who is "the way, the truth, and the life," is something that no one can fail to see. This unity, Venerable Brothers and beloved sons, which, as We have said, must be something solid, firm, and secure, and not something fleeting, uncertain, and unstable, is clearly present in the Catholic Church, and is easily discernible by all who examine it carefully. For it is such that it is distinguished and characterized by three things: namely, the unity of doctrine, of governance, and of worship; it is such that it is presented in a way that is worthy of attention, so that all may recognize and follow it; We say that it is such that, according to the will of its Divine Founder, all the sheep are gathered into one fold within it, under the guidance of one shepherd, so that all may be called as sons to one paternal house, founded on Peter, and so that all peoples may be united in one kingdom of God through a fraternal bond, among whose citizens are joined together in their hearts and minds on earth, so that they may one day enjoy eternal blessedness in heaven. Indeed, the Catholic Church decrees that all things revealed by God are to be firmly and faithfully believed; namely, those things which are contained in the Sacred Scriptures, or which have been handed down orally or in writing, and from the apostolic age, through the centuries. * 2 John 14:6. Jesus saith to him. Cf. Encyclical Letter *Pius X, *Mortalium Animos*, concerning the fostering of true religious unity; *A.A.S.* 8, vol. XX, 1928, p. 5 sq.

[*Latin ed. p. 513*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 513: What has been sanctioned and defined by the Supreme Pontiffs and by legitimate Ecumenical Councils. Whenever someone has strayed from this path, she has never failed to call him back to the right way with her maternal authority. Indeed, she knows and holds that there is only one truth, and that contradictory "truths" cannot exist; she affirms and testifies to the sentiment of the Apostles of the Gentiles: "For we can do nothing against the truth: but for the truth." However, there are not a few things that the Catholic Church allows to be debated by theologians, insofar as these are not entirely certain, and insofar as, as the most celebrated writer of England, Cardinal John Henry Newman, observed,

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such controversies do not divide the unity of the Church, but rather contribute greatly to a higher and better understanding of dogmas, by providing new light from the very friction of different opinions, and by paving and fortifying the way to attain it. Moreover, that common saying, which, sometimes expressed in other words, is attributed to various authors, must always be retained and proven: In necessary matters, unity; in doubtful matters, freedom; in all things, charity. And furthermore, no one can deny that there is unity of governance in the Catholic Church. For, just as the faithful are subject to priests, and priests to bishops, "Take heed to yourselves and to the whole flock, wherein the Holy Ghost hath placed you bishops, to rule the Church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood."; so too, individual sacred ministers are subject to the Pope, as he is to be considered the successor of Peter, whom the Lord Christ established as the rock and the foundation of His Church, and to whom He gave the particular power to do whatever is bound or loosed on earth, to strengthen his brothers, and to feed the whole flock.

[*Latin ed. p. 514*]

Concerning the unity of worship, who is ignorant that the Catholic Church, from the earliest age, has always, throughout the course of the centuries, possessed sacraments, as a sacred inheritance received from Jesus Christ, which it has never ceased to impart throughout the entire Catholic world, to nourish and foster the Christian life of the faithful? Furthermore, who is ignorant that only one sacrifice is celebrated within it, namely the Eucharistic Sacrifice, by which Christ Himself, our salvation and our Redeemer, is immolated daily, without bloodshed but truly, as He once hung on the cross at the place of Calvary, for all of us, and mercifully pours out the treasures of His grace upon us? Therefore, Saint Cyprian rightly observed: "Another altar cannot be erected, nor a new priesthood instituted, besides one altar and one priesthood." Nevertheless, as all know, this does not prevent various rites from being observed and approved within the Catholic Church, by which the same Church may shine forth more beautifully, and appear as a daughter adorned with variety, of the Supreme King.

So that all may attain this true and harmonious unity, the Catholic priest, while celebrating the Eucharistic Sacrifice, offers the immaculate Host to the Most Holy God, and above all, prays "for your holy Catholic Church: that you may deign to pacify, protect, unite, and govern it throughout the entire world: together with your servant, our Pope, and all the orthodox, and the cultivators of the Catholic and Apostolic faith."

Therefore, let this wondrous spectacle of unity, by which the Catholic Church shines forth and excels, move and salutarily stir your hearts, you

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who are separated from this Apostolic See.

[*Latin ed. p. 515*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII, 515: ”Permitite, fratres et filii, ut vos, quos amore nostro desideramus, appellamus; permitte, ut speremus, quod de vestro amore paterno animo fovemus. Hoc vobis placet, eodem studio pastorali, quo Theophilus Episcopus Alexandrinus, cum infaustum schisma Ecclesiae vestrae laceraret, suos fratres et filios his verbis compellabat: 'Imitemur, dilectissimi et participes caelestis vocationis, pro sua cuiusque facultate, ducem nostrae salutis et consummatorem Iesum. Amplectamur eam, quae in altum evehit animi humilitatem et caritatem, quae nos Deo coniungit, et erga divina mysteria sinceram fidem. Divisionem fugite, vitate discordiam... Mutua vos caritate: audite Christum dicentem: 'By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another.'”

3 6: ”Animadvertite, precamur, cum vos ad unitatem Ecclesiae amantissime advocamus, non vos in alienam, sed in propriam, sed in communem paternamque domum invitari. Sinatis igitur vos adhortemur, cupientes omnes ”in visceribus Iesu Christi”, ut memores sitis patrum vestrorum, ”Remember your prelates who have spoken the word of God to you: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation,”

3 8: ”Praeclara Sanctorum Caelitum cohors, quos iam gentes cuiusque vestrae transmiserunt in caelum, atque ii praesertim, qui suis editis scriptis recte luculenterque Iesu Christi tradiderunt atque explanarunt doctrinam, suae vitae exemplo animos vestros ad unitatem cum hac Apostolica Sede invitare videntur, cum qua christiana etiam communitas vestra per tot saeculorum decursum salubriter coniuncta fuit. Eos igitur omnes, qui a Nobis seiuncti sunt, tamquam fratres alloquimur, S. Augustini dicentis: 'Velint, nolint, fratres nostri sunt. Tunc esse desinent fratres nostri, si desierint dicere: Pater noster.'”

[*Latin ed. p. 516*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 516. In Etrun, let us love the Church: Him as Father, this as Mother; Him as Lord, this as His handmaid; for we are the children of His own handmaid. But this marriage is joined with great charity; let no one offend one another, and thus cause another to stumble... What profit is there to you if the Father is not offended, but you offend the Mother? ... Therefore, dearest brothers, hold fast, all of you, to God the Father, and to the Church as Mother.

40. We, for the sake of preserving the unity of the Church, and for the increase of the flock of Christ and the Kingdom, humbly offer supplications in prayer to the most benign God, the giver of all heavenly gifts and blessings, and we urge that all, as many as we have in Christ, our most beloved brothers and sons, earnestly join in these prayers. For the outcome of the future Ecumenical Council will, indeed, depend more on the fervent

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and united prayers, almost as if they were a sacred bond, than on human efforts and diligent industry; and to these prayers, we also invite with a loving heart those who, although not of this flock, nevertheless revere and worship God, and strive with a good will to obey His commandments. May this hope, these wishes, be increased and fulfilled by the divine supplication of Christ: "Father holy, keep them in thy name, those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are... Sanctify them in truth: thy word is truth... But I do not pray for them only, but also for those who shall believe in me through their word; that they may all be one...".

41. These things, together with the Catholic world united with us, we repeat in humble prayer; and we do this not only moved by charity towards all nations, but also by evangelical humility of spirit. For we know the humility of our person, which God, not through our merits, but through His mysterious counsel, has deigned to raise to the pinnacle of the Supreme Pontificate. Therefore, 40 I d., In Ps. 82, Enarr. I I, 14; MIGNE, PL, XXXVII, 1140. 4 JOHN 17, 11, 17, 20, 21, 23.

[*Latin ed. p. 517*]

From the Acts of Pope John XXIII, 517, addressed to all Brothers and Sons who are separated from this Holy See of Peter: We repeat these words: "I am... Joseph, your brother." 2 Corinthians 7:2: "Receive us. We have injured no man." Venette; "Receive us." We desire nothing else, we will nothing else, we pray to God for nothing else, than your salvation, and your eternal happiness. Venette; from this most desired concord and unity, which fraternal charity ought to nourish and foster, great peace will arise: that peace "which surpasses all understanding," which comes from the heavenly realms; that peace which Christ announced to men of good will, flying above his cradle with the angelic hosts, 45 and which, after the institution of the Eucharistic Sacrament and Sacrifice, He imparted with these words: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you." 46 Peace and joy; and also joy, for those who are truly and effectively united to the mystical body of Jesus Christ, which is the Catholic Church, participate in that life which flows from the divine Head to each member, and for which those who faithfully obey all the commandments and precepts of our Redeemer, can even in this mortal life, enjoy that joy which is a foretaste and a harbinger of heavenly and eternal happiness. However, this peace, this happiness, while we are laboring on the journey of this earthly exile, is still imperfect; for it is not entirely quiet, not entirely serene; it is a working peace, not an idle one, not inactive; and especially, it is a peace that contends against all errors, even those cunningly and deceptively disguised as truth, against the allurements and blandishments of vices, against finally, all enemies of the soul of any kind, who seek to weaken, tarnish, or undermine our innocence, or our Catholic faith; and also against hatreds, animosities, and discord, which can disturb

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and wound it.

[*Latin ed. p. 518*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See – Commentary 518 are official. For this reason, the Divine Redeemer Himself gave and commended His peace to us. Therefore, the peace which we must seek, and to which we must strive with all our might, must be that which, as we have said, does not consent to any errors, nor in any way connive with those who follow them, which does not incline to vice, and which, finally, avoids all discord. This is the peace for which those who follow it must be ready to renounce, even their own advantages and benefits, for the sake of truth and justice, according to the words: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his justice..." 47.

We earnestly pray that God may grant us this unity, this harmonious peace, this true, active, and militant peace – both to those whom we have in Christ as sons, and also to all those who, although separated from us, cannot help but love the truth, unity, and concord. Beata Mary, Queen of Peace, to whose Immaculate Heart our Predecessor, the most reverend Pope Pius XII, has consecrated the entire human race!

IV. Now, we desire to address, with paternal affection, the various orders of the Catholic Church. And first of all, "Our mouth is open to you, O ye Corinthians," 48 Venerable Brothers in the Episcopate, both of the Eastern and Western Churches, who, as guides of the Christian people, bear with us the weight of the day and the heat. 49 We know your diligence; we know your apostolic zeal, with which you strive to promote, strengthen, and spread the kingdom of God within your respective jurisdictions. And we also know your anxieties, we know the sorrows with which you are afflicted because of the miserable departure of so many of our sons, deceived by the fallacies of errors, and because of the lack of resources which the Catholic cause faces within... 47 Matthew 6:33. 48 2 Corinthians 6:11. 49 Cf. Matthew 20:12.

[*Latin ed. p. 519*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 519: You cannot fail to observe that, at times, you experience greater increases, and especially because of the number of priests, in many places, the needs are growing rapidly. But have confidence in Him from whom "Every best gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no change nor shadow of alteration." 50 comes; in Jesus Christ, through constant and fervent prayer, have confidence, for without Him "you can do nothing" 51; but through whose grace each of you can repeat the sentiment of the Apostle of the Gentiles: "I can be all things in him who strengtheneth me." 52 "And may my God supply all your want, according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus," 53 so that you may be able, from the field cultivated by your labor and sweat, to gather harvests and collect abundant fruits. And those also

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who serve in both orders of the clergy, we call upon with paternal affection; whether they are your helpers in the nearby curia, Venerable Brothers, or whether they labor in the sacred seminaries, dedicated to the education and training of the chosen youth, called by the Lord to so important a vocation, or whether finally they fulfill the office of parish priests in crowded cities, or in villages, or in remote and solitary places, a task so difficult today, so arduous, and of such great importance. Let them also – and may they obey us, if this is necessary – always show obedience and submission to their Bishop, according to the words of St. Ignatius of Antioch: "Be subject to the Bishop as to Jesus Christ... Therefore, it is necessary, as you do, that you do nothing without the Bishop"; 54 "for those who are of God and of Jesus Christ are with the Bishop." 55 And let them remember that they are not merely public officials, but above all, ministers of the sacred rites; therefore, let them not be concerned with labors, with the vicissitudes of worldly affairs, with expenses, nor with their own 50 51 *Jas 1:17*. *John 15:5*. *Phil 4:13*. *Phil 4:19*. 53 *Ignatius*, Fathers of the Church I, 55 *Ignatius*, 1, 267; cf. Migne, PG, V, 243-245; cf. Migne, PG, 699. V, 675.

[*Latin ed. p. 520*]

520 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale. Finally, they deem those inconveniences to be so great that they cannot be greater, when it comes to illuminating minds with divine light, to binding wills to the help of the Most High and fraternal charity, and finally, to promoting and spreading the peaceful kingdom of Jesus Christ. And they trust more in the grace of God than in the labor and effort of each individual, which they daily implore with insistent and fervent prayers. We also greet with paternal affection the religious members, who, having embraced various states of evangelical perfection, conduct themselves according to the particular laws of their Institute and obey their superiors, and we urge them to diligently and with all their strength devote themselves to all those things which their Founders proposed to them through specific norms; especially that they be fervent in prayer, occupied with works of penance, and undertake the proper instruction and education of youth, and that they assist those who, in every way, are afflicted by needs or sorrows, according to their ability. We certainly know that not a few of these beloved sons, due to the circumstances in which we currently find ourselves, are frequently called upon to care for the Christian faithful in the pastoral ministry, not without great benefit to the Christian name and Christian virtue. Therefore, we urge them again and again – although we are confident that they do not need our admonition – to add to those excellent merits by which their Orders or Religious Congregations have flourished in past times, that they also respond, according to the ability given to them, freely and willingly to the present needs of the people, together with the diligent and attentive work of the rest of the clergy.

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Now our thoughts turn to those who, having left their beloved homes and homelands, and having endured great inconveniences and overcome difficulties, have gone to foreign lands; and who are now toiling in those distant fields of labor, to bring the Gospel to the pagan peoples.

[*Latin ed. p. 521*]

With Christian piety and virtue, they are cultivated, so that "the word of God may run and may be glorified, even as among you." It is a great task that has been entrusted to them, and all who are considered Christians and who glory in the name of Christ ought, according to their ability, to contribute their help, whether through prayers or through assistance given. Perhaps no undertaking is so pleasing to God as this, since it is joined with the office to which we are all bound, namely, to spread the Kingdom of God. For these heralds of the Gospel consecrate their lives to God, so that the light of Jesus Christ may illuminate every man coming into this world, so that the divine grace of God may permeate and nourish all souls, and so that all may be encouraged to live piously, chastely, and Christianly. They do not seek what is their own, but what is of Jesus Christ, and, hearing with a generous spirit the voice of the Divine Redeemer, they can rightly consider themselves to be Apostles to the nations: "We are ambassadors," "we are in the flesh, but we do not fight according to the flesh." They regard that region to which they have come to bring the light of the Gospel as almost a second homeland; and although they always pursue with fervent love their own most beloved land and their own diocese, or their own religious institute, they nevertheless understand and are certain that the good of the entire Church must be preferred, and that they must serve it above all with all their strength. Therefore, we desire that these beloved sons – and all those who, whether as teachers of catechesis, or for some other reason, generously contribute their services to the missions in those regions – may know that they are especially present in our hearts; and that we, as humbly as possible, offer daily prayers to God for them and for their endeavors; and all of this with our authority.

[*Latin ed. p. 522*]

Acts of the Apostolic See 522. With equal charity, We confirm what Our blessed predecessors, and especially Pius X in Nos. 61 and Pius XII in Nos. 62, most appropriately decreed in their Encyclicals on this matter. Nor do We wish to pass over in silence the holy virgins, who, having made their vows, have dedicated themselves to God alone, and who, through mystical nuptials, are most closely united with the Divine Spouse. For they—whether they spend their lives in the cloister, praying and peniting, or whether they dedicate themselves to external works of apostolate—not only can more easily and happily strive for their own salvation, but they can also greatly help the Church, both in Christian nations and even in

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lands where the light of the Gospel has not yet shone. Oh, what these holy virgins accomplish! Oh, what great and admirable things they do, which no one else can accomplish with the same virginal and maternal care! And this not in one, but in many fields of labor: namely, in properly instructing and educating youth; in teaching catechism to boys and girls in parish churches; in hospitals, where they can care for the sick and raise them up to heavenly things; in homes for the elderly, whom they can assist with patient, cheerful, and merciful charity, and to whom they can wonderfully and sweetly turn the desires of eternal life; and finally, in orphanages and foundling homes, where they exercise a maternal spirit and a maternal love that nourishes them, who have no mother or father to nurture, kiss, and embrace them. They undoubtedly deserve the highest praise, not only for the Catholic Church, for Christian education, and for the works that are called forth by mercy, but also for civil society; and they earn for themselves an incorruptible crown to be attained in heaven.

61 See *Litt. Enc. Berum Ecclesiae*, A.A.S., vol. XVIII, 1926, p. 65 sq.

62 See *Litt. Enc. Evangelii praecones*, A.A.S., vol. XLIII, 1951, p. 497; and *Litt. Enc. Fidei donum*, A.A.S., vol. XLIX, 1957, p. 225 sq.

[*Latin ed. p. 523*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 523. Verily, as you well know, Venerable Brothers and beloved sons, the needs of men today, even with regard to the Christian cause, are so great, so varied, that the clergy, religious men, and sacred virgins seem to be unable to fully address them. Furthermore, not all citizens can have access to priests, religious men, and women devoted to God; not all paths are open to them; indeed, many neglect them, or shun them, and, alas, there are even those who despise and abhor them. For this very grave reason, filled with sorrow and pain, Our Predecessors also called upon lay people, that is, those engaged in the peaceful militia, in the Action Catholica, to provide an apostolic service that would assist the ecclesiastical hierarchy; thus, so that what these people and these women could accomplish, given the present circumstances, with generous spirit, cooperating with the sacred Pastors, and always obedient to them. It is indeed a great comfort to us to consider how, over time, in regions still to be cultivated by the heralds of the Gospel, these helpers of bishops and priests, of any age, class, or order, have with eager and active zeal carried out their work and advanced their endeavors, so that the Christian truth might shine forth for all, and so that Christian virtues might awaken and attract all hearts. Nevertheless, a very wide field of labor still lies open to them; there are still too many who are in need of their shining example and their apostolic work. With regard to this matter, which we consider to be of the utmost gravity and importance, we intend to speak more fully and extensively in the future. In the meantime, we have a firm hope that those who are engaged in the ranks of the Action Catholica, or in the many pious

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associations that flourish in the Church, will diligently continue to pursue this necessary work: the greater the needs of this our age, the greater their efforts should be.

[*Latin ed. p. 524*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Commentary 524: Official matters, endeavors, and innovations. Let them be entirely in agreement, for, as they well know, united strength is greater; let them set aside their particular opinions whenever the cause of the Catholic Church is at stake, which is of the utmost importance and should be held above all else; and this not only with regard to sacred doctrine, but also with regard to ecclesiastical and Christian discipline, which always demands obedience from all. United in a single body, and always joined and obedient to the Catholic hierarchy, let them strive for greater advancements; let them undertake no labors that they should avoid, and let them avoid no inconveniences for the sake of the Church's triumph. In order that this may be accomplished in due manner, they must first of all – which, undoubtedly, they are convinced of – take care to conform themselves most diligently to Christian doctrine and Christian virtue. For only then will they be able to impart to others what they themselves have already attained with the help of divine grace. This, in particular, we commend to young men and youths, whose eager zeal for the best things is easily kindled, but for whom prudence, moderation, and obedience to those who are in authority are absolutely necessary. To these most beloved sons, who contribute to the hope of the Church, and whose salutary and active works we so greatly trust, we wish to express our most heartfelt and loving affection. At present, however, lamentable voices seem to reach us, those who, suffering from bodily or mental ailments, are tormented by acute pains, or who are so burdened by economic difficulties that they do not have a home worthy of a human being, nor can they provide for themselves and their children the necessary sustenance through their own labor. These voices greatly touch and move our heart; and we especially desire to offer comfort to the sick, the infirm, and those weakened by old age, a comfort that comes from the heavenly realms. Let them remember.

[*Latin ed. p. 525*]

Acta Ioannis P. XXIII 525: "Non habemus hic civitatem manentem, sed quaerimus futuram;" 63: "Memorentur doloribus huius vitae mortalis, quae animam expiant, elevent, nobilitant, et nos ad gaudium aeternum in caelis possunt perducere; memorentur Divinum ipsum Redemptorem, qui, ut labes peccatorum nostrorum deleret et purificaret, crucem sustinuit, et contumelias, cruciatus, et angores crudelissimos libenter toleravit pro hoc causa." Ut ipse, ita nos omnes a cruce ad lucem vocamur, secundum illud: "Si quis vult post me venire, abneget semet ipsum, et tollat crucem

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suam quotidie, et sequatur me;" et non deficit in caelo. 64: "Et habebit thesaurum." 65: "Cupimus praeterea – et confidimus omnino ut haec exhortatio Nostra libenter accipiatur – ut dolores corporis et animi non modo fiant veluti gradus, quibus in aeternam patriam ascendere possint, sed ut etiam ad expiationem aliorum, ad reditum eorum in sinum Ecclesiae, qui ab ea infeliciter deviaverint, et ad christiani nominis auspicatissimum triumphum summopere conferant." Ii autem cives tenuioris fortunae, qui de misera nimis sua ratione vivendi queruntur, sciant imprimis haud minore dolore nos ob suam ipsorum sortem affici. Idque non modo quod paterno animo exoptamus ut iustitia, quae est christiana virtus, in causa etiam sociali recte moderetur, regat, atque conformet mutuas civium classium necessitudines, sed idcirco etiam quod acerrime dolemus Ecclesiae inimicos iniustis condicionibus aerariae plebis facile abuti, ut eam ad suas partes, fallacibus promissis et fallacibus erroribus, adsciscant. Animadvertant, precamur, ii filii Nostri carissimi Ecclesiam non ipsis, non ipsorum iuribus infensam esse, sed, ut matrem amantissimam, eos tueri, ac doctrinam et normas de re etiam sociali praedicare et inculcare tales, quae, si omnino... "

63 Cfr. Hebr. XIII, 14. Luc. X, 23. Cfr. Id., XI, 33.

[*Latin ed. p. 526*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 526: It is necessary that, to achieve the desired effect, all forms of injustice be eliminated, and that a more just and equitable distribution of goods be brought about; 66 Furthermore, friendly and supportive cooperation must be fostered among the various classes of citizens, so that all may truly be called and be, not merely citizens of the same society, but brothers of the same family. Moreover, if the benefits and advantages that have been achieved in recent times by those who live from daily labor are to be distributed fairly, it must be acknowledged that this is primarily due to the action of those Catholics who, following the wise precepts and repeated exhortations of Our Predecessors, have diligently and effectively worked in the social sphere. Therefore, those who strive to defend the rights of the working people already have in Christian social doctrine certain and correct norms, which, if applied with due diligence, will be sufficient to safeguard those rights. Therefore, they must never turn to the proponents of doctrines condemned by the Church; for these, if they lure them with false promises, truly seek, wherever they hold public office, to remove from the minds of citizens those things which are the highest goods of the soul – namely, the Christian faith, Christian hope, and Christian precepts – with reckless audacity, and they also diminish or completely extinguish that which elevates men to heaven in this present age, namely, true freedom and the true dignity of the human person; and thus they strive to undermine the foundations of both civil and Christian society. Therefore, those who truly wish to retain the Christian name must,

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with full awareness of their grave duty, avoid these fallacies, which have already been condemned by Our Predecessors, and in particular by Pius Felix XI and Pius XII, and which We, in turn, condemn anew. We know that many of Our sons, who are either in a precarious or, indeed, very unfortunate situation, often complain, because 66 Cf. Encyclical Letter *Quadragesimo Anno*, A.A.S., vol. XXIII, 1931, pp. 196-198.

[*Latin ed. p. 527*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII, 527: Christianae de re sociali praecepta non omnia adhuc sunt ad effectum deducta. Elaborandum igitur est, idque studiose actuoseque, – privatis non tantum civibus, sed iis praesertim suam navantibus operam, qui publicae rei praesunt – ut christiana de re sociali doctrina, quam Decessores Nostri pluries, luculenter, sapienterque proposuerunt ac decreverunt, ac Nosmet ipsi confirmamus, quam primum, etsi gradatim, ad effectum reapse ac penitus deducatur.

67: Haud minore sollicitudine propter eorum sortem afficimur, qui ob victum quaeritandi necessitatem, vel ob tristes suarum Nationum condiciones vexationesque religionis causa obortas, patriam relinquere suam coacti sunt. Iis enim quot quantaque incommoda aerumnaeque idcirco toleranda sunt, quod e paterna domo in longinquas translati terras, saepenumero in frequentissimis urbibus sonantibusque officinis vitam degere debent ab avitis moribus tam alienam atque interdum, quod deterius est, haud parum christianae virtuti noxiam atque intensam. Quibus quidem rerum adiunctis haud raro efficitur, ut non pauci in grave discrimen adducantur, atque a sanis religiosisque vitae institutis a maioribus traditis pedetemptim aberrent. Huc accedit quod, cum coniuges saepe a coniugibus, parentes a filiis separentur, domestici convictus vincula necessitudinesque extenuantur, non sine familiarum compaginis detrimento. Quamobrem sollertem actuosamque eorum sacerdotum operam paterno prosequimur animo, qui Iesu Christi amore ducti et Apostolicae Sedis normis votisque obsecuti, utpote voluntarii exsules, nullis parcunt laboribus, ut horum filiorum spirituali ac sociali bono prospiciant ac pro viribus consulant; idque efficiunt, ut iidem Ecclesiae ubique persentiant caritatem, eo praesentiorem efficacioremque, quo magis eius cura eiusque indigent auxilio.

67: Cfr. Allocutio Pii X II ad adscriptos societatibus christianis operariorum Italicorum, die XI mensis Martii habita, anno 1945; A. A. vol. XXXVII, 1945, pp. 71-72.

Translation:

The acts of John XXIII, 527: The precepts of Christian social teaching have not yet all been fully implemented. Therefore, it is necessary to work diligently and actively, – not only with private citizens, but especially with those who are engaged in public affairs – to ensure that the Christian social teaching, which Our Predecessors have repeatedly, clearly, and wisely

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presented and decreed, and which We ourselves confirm, is, as soon as possible, and gradually, truly and fully implemented.

67: We are deeply concerned for the fate of those who, out of necessity to find sustenance, or because of the sad conditions of their nations and the religious persecutions arising therefrom, have been forced to leave their homeland. For these people endure so many hardships and sorrows, because, transplanted from their paternal home to distant lands, they often have to live in crowded cities and noisy factories, leading a life so different from their ancestral customs, and sometimes, which is worse, so harmful and detrimental to Christian virtue. In these circumstances, it often happens that many are led into grave danger, and gradually stray from the sound and religious practices handed down by their ancestors. To this is added the fact that, when spouses are often separated from spouses, and parents from children, domestic communion and bonds of affection are weakened, not without detriment to the harmony of families. Therefore, we encourage with paternal affection the diligent and active work of those priests who, led by the love of Jesus Christ and guided by the norms and vows of the Apostolic See, as voluntary exiles, spare no effort to promote the spiritual and social well-being of these children, and to assist them as much as they can; and they ensure that the Church everywhere manifests its charity, all the more present and effective, the more its care and its help are needed.

67: See: Address of Pius XI to those working in Christian associations of Italian workers, given on March 11, 1945; A. A. vol. XXXVII, 1945, pp. 71-72.

[*Latin ed. p. 528*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 528. In like manner, we commend and esteem with great pleasure the praiseworthy efforts made by various nations for this cause of great importance, and we also commend the recent common plans and undertakings undertaken by them, so that such matters, which are certainly very important, may be brought to the desired outcome as soon as possible. All these things, as we are entirely confident, will not only contribute to making access easier and more accessible for migrants, but also to restoring the domestic society of parents and children; which, when properly ordered, can effectively protect the well-being of these migrants, with regard to religion, to good morals, and also to economic matters, together with the increase in the usefulness of those regions' hospitals. While, concerning those grievous errors which can undermine not only religion but also human society, we exhort all who are our sons in Christ to remember our Venerable Brothers in the Episcopate and our beloved priests and faithful, who, either forced into exile, or detained in places of custody and in prisons, have refused to abandon the office entrusted to them by the Bishop or the priesthood, and to renounce the Catholic faith. We do not wish to offend anyone, but rather we gladly

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wish to grant forgiveness to all, and we pray to God. But the conscience of our sacred office demands that we defend the rights of these brothers and their children; and we also earnestly request that legitimate freedom, which is due to all and therefore also to the Church of God, be granted to all, as is fitting. Those who follow what is true, what is just, what is useful for each individual and for states, do not renounce freedom, they do not extinguish freedom, they do not oppress freedom; for they do not need to act in this way. Therefore, the prosperity of citizens, which is just, can never be achieved by force, by the oppression of minds and spirits.

[*Latin ed. p. 529*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 529. And we believe it must be held as certain that, if the sacred rights of God and of religion are neglected, or even trampled upon, the very foundations of human society will, sooner or later, crumble and deteriorate, according to the most wise judgment of our Predecessor, the most holy memory of Leo XIII: "It follows... that the force of laws will be broken and all authority weakened, if the supreme and eternal reason of God, which commands and forbids, is rejected."

To this sentiment, the words of Cicero are consonant: "You, Pontiffs, ... must diligently ... surround the city with religion, more than with its very walls."

Considering these things, We embrace with the greatest sorrow those, both individually and collectively, whose religion is restricted and oppressed, and who often "suffer persecution for justice's sake" and for the sake of the Kingdom of God; We share their pains, their anxieties, and their afflictions; and We raise supplications to Heaven, that at long last, the dawn of better times may shine upon them. And We earnestly desire that, together with Us, all those whom We have everywhere on earth as brothers or sons should also do this; so that a chorus of sacred supplications may be raised to the most merciful God from all nations, which may bring a rich outpouring of graces to these members of the mystical Body of Jesus Christ who are suffering. And not only do We ask prayers from Our most beloved sons, but We also implore a renewal of Christian life, which can draw God closer to us and to our brothers, more than the prayers themselves. These are the elevated and beautiful words of the Apostle of the Gentiles, which We wish to repeat to you all: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise..."

[*Latin ed. p. 530*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis ~ Commentarium Officiale 530: If there be any praise of discipline, consider "Jesus Christ." 72 7 1 "Indue yourselves with

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the Lord." That is to say: "Be clothed, therefore, with all humility, meekness, patience, and forbearance, one towards another; forgiving one another readily, as also the Lord hath forgiven you. And above all these things, have charity, which is the bond of perfection: and let the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, in which you have been called in one body." 73 If anyone has strayed far from the Divine Redeemer through his faults and sins, let him return—we earnestly implore him—to Him who is "the way, the truth, and the life"; 74 if anyone, as far as religion is enough, is lukewarm, languid, remiss, and negligent, let him stir up his faith, and let him nourish, cherish, and strengthen himself with divine grace; if anyone, by the grace of God, "is righteous, let him be justified still; and if he is holy, let him be sanctified still." 75 And since today there are so many who, according to our counsel, who by our shining example, and who even need our help, are in a miserable and unhappy state, let you all, according to your strength and ability, practice those works which are called works of mercy, and which are most pleasing to God. If each one strives to accomplish these things, that will shine forth in the Church with renewed splendor, as is so wonderfully written about Christians in the letter to Diognetus: "They are in the flesh, but they do not live according to the flesh. They are in the world, but they are not of the world. They observe the laws established by men, but they exceed them in their manner of life... They are unknown, and yet they are condemned; they are put to death, and yet they are brought to life. They are poor, and yet they enrich many; they are without everything, and yet they possess all things. They are dishonored, and yet they are glorified; they are evil spoken of, and yet they are justified. They are punished, and yet they are..." 71 Philip. I V, 8. 72 Born. XIII. 73 Col. 74 John XIV, 6: "Jesus saith to him." 76 Apoc. XXII, 11. III, 14. 12-15.

[*Latin ed. p. 531*]

From the acts of Pope John XXIII, 531, concerning the Benedictines: they are treated with contempt, and yet they offer honor. When they do good, they are punished as if they were wicked; while they are being punished, they rejoice, as if they are being vivified. "And to say it simply, what the soul is to the body, that are Christians in the world."

Regarding these elevated sentiments, certain things can be particularly affirmed concerning those who belong to the Church, which is called "the silence," and for whom we are most bound to offer prayers to God, as we recently also urged all the faithful to do, as we earnestly commended in our addresses in the Basilica of Saint Peter on the feast of Pentecost and on the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Teth. It is good to wait with silence for the salvation of God.

We promise and implore you all, with constant prayer to God, for this renewal of Christian life, for this virtue and sanctity: not only for those who persevere with steadfast spirit in the unity of the Church, but also for

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those who strive to attain it with sincere love and genuine will. And may the Apostolic Blessing, which unites and foretells heavenly graces, be with you all, Venerable Brothers and beloved sons, which we impart with paternal and abundant charity. Given at Rome, near Saint Peter, on the twenty-ninth day of the month of June, in the year 1959, in the first year of Our Pontificate.

JOHN PP. XXIII.

[*Latin ed. p. 532*]

532 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary. APOSTOLIC LETTER. TITLE AND PRIVILEGES GRANTED TO THE ECCLESIA PAROCHIALIS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF JOY ("NOTRE DAME DE JOIE"), IN THE TOWN OF ("PONTIVY"), DIOCESE OF VENETENSIS. JOHN PP. XXIII. For the perpetual memory of the matter. — The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, through the mysteries of her life, has always been held in esteem by the Church and by the entire Christian people, so much so that she has been called "Laetitia Israël" and "Causa nostrae laetitiae," and her nativity was said to have announced joy to the entire world. The faithful, in the region of "Pontivy," commonly called in the French language, in the smaller Britain and within the boundaries of the Diocese of Vannes, have felt that this Virgin is the source of such joy, and they have piously and constantly venerated the Most Holy Virgin of Joy, or, in the French language, "Notre Dame de Joie," in their parish church. This parish church, which has been rebuilt several times over the centuries and, finally, was solemnly consecrated in the year 1956, consists of three naves, is adorned with a tower and is distinguished by its size, the variety of its decorations, and, above all, by its Gothic style, making it one of the most celebrated sacred buildings in the region, and it has been designated as a public monument by the French nation. Such is the multitude of the faithful who flock there throughout the year, especially during the month of September, that many priests, under the guidance of the parish priest, are devoted to this sacred building, which is richly furnished. To it come the faithful to pray before the ancient icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Joy, which, by the authority of Our Predecessor, Pope Pius PP. XII, was redeemed with a golden crown in the year 1951, and is especially venerated there, from which time the cholera epidemic, which was raging fiercely in that region, was immediately driven away by a vow made to the Virgin Mary. Having considered all of these things, the Venerable Brother Eugenius Joseph Mary Le Bellec, Bishop of Vannes, in his own name, as well as in the name of the aforementioned parish church, its clergy, and all the faithful, earnestly requested that we deign to raise the church, which we have praised, to the dignity of a Minor Basilica. And We, in order to foster piety towards the Mother of God, both of God and

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of men, and also for the sake of the priests and the Christian people,

[*Latin ed. p. 533*]

In order to suitably honor his religious merits, and because we deem it most fitting to grant such petitions, We have, after consultation with the Sacred Congregation of Rites, and with full knowledge and mature deliberation of Our Apostolic authority, decided to elevate the Church dedicated to God in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Joy, or "Notre Dame de Joie," located in the parish of "Pontivy" and within the boundaries of the diocese of Vannes, to the dignity of a Minor Basilica, with all the honors and privileges that rightfully belong to that title. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions. We decree, establish, and declare that these present letters shall remain forever valid and effective; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that those to whom they pertain, or who may pertain to them, shall fully enjoy them now and in the future; and that they shall be duly judged and defined; and that they shall be null and void from this moment forward, if anything to the contrary should occur, knowingly or unknowingly, by anyone, through any authority whatsoever. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, under the Fisherman's ring, on the tenth day of the month of January, in the year 1959, in the first year of Our pontificate. D. Card. TARDINI.

THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS, LOCATED IN THE PISCARIENSI DISTRICT OF THE CITY, IS ELEVATED TO THE TITLE AND DIGNITY OF A MINOR BASILICA.

IOANNES PP. XXIII. For the perpetual memory of this event.

Most tender Virgin, whose soul was pierced by the darts of sorrow, is venerated with singular zeal and devotion by the Christian faithful in the sacred temple located on the hill of the Eternal City, from where one can see the beauties of the region and the Adriatic Sea. In that place, in ancient times, a sanctuary was founded in honor of the same Sorrowful Virgin, whose image is said to have been discovered miraculously. After the beginning of the 17th century, the present temple was built as a most beloved seat of piety and a mystical fortress, which would be a refuge for the people of God. They come to it in large numbers, especially from neighboring regions, particularly during the months of May and June, each year...

[*Latin ed. p. 534*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary, year 1937. Because of this particular form of devotion, Pope Pius XII, Our Predecessor of blessed memory, established and declared, by Apostolic Letters issued on the third day of December in the year 1612, under the Fisherman's Ring, the Blessed Virgin Mary, ever Virgin, in her temple at Penne, as the principal celestial patron of the diocese of Penne-Pescara, together with Saint Cletus and Saint Maximus. The sacred edifice itself, entrusted to a frequent family of

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Franciscans, from the Order of the Capuchins, is highly commendable, not only for its size, but also for the variety of its decorations and its precious furnishings, making it suitable for divine rites. Wishing to increase the Marian significance of this temple and to further spread its cult, the Venerable Brother Benedict Falcucci, Bishop of Penne-Pescara, requested that We grant it the title and rights of a Minor Basilica. Having gladly heard these requests, We, after consultation with the Sacred Congregation for Rites, with Our certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic authority, by the force of these Letters, elevate the church of Penne, consecrated to God in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, ever Virgin, in her seven sorrows, to the dignity of a Minor Basilica, with all the rights and privileges that rightfully belong to temples bearing the same title. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions. We decree, establish, and ordain that these present Letters shall remain forever firm, valid, and effective; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that those to whom they pertain, or who may pertain to them, shall fully support them now and in the future; and that they shall be duly judged and defined; and that they shall be null and void from this moment, if anything to the contrary, concerning these matters, should be attempted by anyone, with any authority whatsoever, knowingly or unknowingly. Given at Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's Ring, on the tenth day of the month of January, in the year 1937, in the first year of Our pontificate. D. Card. TARDINI, Prefect of the Public Affairs of the Church.

[*Latin ed. p. 535*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 535. LETTER TO THE MOST REVEREND ALPHONSUS, BISHOP OF CASTALDO, CARDINAL, ARCHBISHOP OF NAPLES, AND BISHOP OF PUTEOLI, CELEBRATING THE QUINTILE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS EPISCOPAL ORDINATION.

JOHN PP. XXIII. Beloved Son, greetings and the Apostolic Blessing.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of your episcopal ministry, which will be celebrated this month, will not only fill your heart with a pleasant remembrance and raise your hopes for the future assistance of Heaven, but it will also encourage the clergy and the faithful people of your jurisdictions to devote themselves to you with greater zeal, and, strengthened by your example, your persuasions, and your exhortations, to strive daily for higher things; may these words of St. Augustine, spoken to the people on the day of his episcopal consecration, remain in their minds: "Help us, both by prayer and by obedience; for it will be a delight to us not so much to rule over you, as to be helpful to you."

It gives Us great joy to share in your happiness and the joy of the flock entrusted to Our benevolence and esteem, as We know that you have been an example of a good shepherd, and that you have accomplished such outstanding deeds that all good men regard you with admiration. It is known

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that you, as prefect of the diocese of Puteoli, have diligently examined it in its entirety for the sake of the sacred authority, have increased the number of parishes, have promoted the progress of the clergy and the Catholic Action, have restored the seminary to instill hope in the students for the Church, have founded more hostels for the reception of boys and girls, and have revived other works of charity with remarkable zeal for the needy and the poor. No less zeal have you shown for the archdiocese of Naples, whether as Coadjutor, as Apostolic Administrator, or as Archbishop, in which office you continue to serve with merit. Therefore, both dioceses have reaped a rich harvest from your apostolic diligence, a double harvest from one reaper. Furthermore, the greatest benefits have been derived from your varied and abundant activity by the citizens, especially because... [The text is incomplete here.]

[*Latin ed. p. 536*]

536 Acta Apostolicae Sedis – This pertains to the official commentary concerning the education and instruction of children; and the merits thereof have been publicly recognized, as we know. Therefore, while we congratulate you on so many and such great works, by which you have happily advanced the Catholic cause, we offer prayers to God, the Supreme Good, that He may grant you many years of life, and that you may long be able to pour forth the riches of your spirit and intellect for the benefit of the people of God. And in order that we may augment the celebration of this most auspicious day with a spiritual gift as well, we gladly grant you this, that you may, when performing the sacred ceremonies, impart the Papal Blessing with the customary plenary indulgence to the people. Finally, embracing you, our beloved Son, with the best of affection and desiring only the best for you, we impart to you the Apostolic Blessing, the auspice of these great gifts, and we most earnestly desire that it pertain to the flocks entrusted to your care. Given at Rome, at Saint Peter's, on the twenty-fourth day of the month of June, in the year 1959, in the first year of Our Pontificate. IOANNES PP. XXIII. TO THE FAITHFUL OF THE FRENCH NATION, GATHERED FOR THE SEVENTEENTH EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN LUGDUNI. * Dear Sons of France, gathered in Lyons for the Seventeenth National Eucharistic Congress! We are present among you, at this moment when you are assembled around Our Legate and your spiritual leaders, to glorify together the great Mystery of our faith. We seem to recall in thought the numerous and fervent eucharistic ceremonies to which We were given to attend in the past on the soil of your beloved homeland, when We represented Our predecessor of immortal memory, Pope Pius XI. It was always a source of joy and spiritual consolation for Us to witness the spectacle of the Christian people of France prostrate in adoration, offering their songs of praise and thanksgiving to the Holy Host. * July 5, in the

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year 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 537*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 537. Una nota particularmente distintiva caracteriza vuestro encuentro de hoy: sus organizadores quisieron que fuera precedido por una peregrinación a Ars, como para colocarlo bajo la protección especial de San Juan María Vianney. Algunas semanas nos separan, en efecto, del centenario de la muerte de aquel que fue y permanecerá por los siglos venideros "el Santo Cura de Ars": un aniversario memorable, que Nosotros proponemos celebrar Nosotros mismos próximamente, como merece, y que ha inspirado visiblemente la elección del tema de vuestro Congreso: Eucaristía y Sacerdocio. ¡Cuánta luz en la unión de estas dos palabras! ¡Qué alimento, qué fuente de íntima alegría para el alma creyente, en la contemplación de las sublimes realidades que expresan! Junto a la Hostia, el sacerdote que la consagra; cerca del Cristo oculto, la misteriosa potencia de aquel que lo hace presente. Tema inagotable, cuyos grandes aspectos —Eucaristía y Vocación, Eucaristía y Sacrificio, Eucaristía y Apostolado— serán propuestos a vuestra meditación durante este Congreso. A vuestras reflexiones se añadirán vuestras fervientes oraciones. Pediréis al Dios de la Eucaristía que suscite en el suelo de vuestra patria vocaciones sacerdotales cada vez más numerosas; también tomaréis la resolución de hacer lo que dependa de vosotros, dentro de vuestras familias o de vuestras instituciones, para facilitar su manifestación. Y el Señor bendecirá estas oraciones y estos esfuerzos. Permitid que os confiemos aún una sugerencia. ¿Qué es, en definitiva, un Congreso Eucarístico —aparte de la celebración más solemne de la Santa Misa y la comunión general de los diferentes grupos de fieles— sino una larga y ferviente "visita al Santísimo Sacramento"? Ahora bien, habréis observado, como Nosotros, esta conmovedora práctica de la vida cristiana, tan querida a las almas piadosas, que consiste en reunirse en silencio a los pies del Tabernáculo para llenar el alma con los dones de Dios, y que hoy es descuidada por muchos. Para algunos, incluso, que son guiados por concepciones ajenas a la piedad tradicional, parece que es deliberadamente objeto de una menor estima. Deseamos que todos los congresistas de Lyon regresen a sus hogares persuadidos de la excelencia de esta práctica y deseosos de hacerla apreciar y amar a su alrededor. Baste con pensar en las largas horas que San Juan María Vianney pasaba, al principio de su vida pastoral, solo en su iglesia, delante del Santísimo Sacramento; en los derramamientos de fe y amor de esta gran alma a los pies de su Maestro; en los maravillosos frutos de santidad que derivaron, para él.

[*Latin ed. p. 538*]

538 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale, and for so many others, these fervent eucharistic prayers. It is not doubtful that a flood of graces would descend upon your families and your country if, enlightened

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and sustained by the example of their pastors, ever more souls were to learn, on this point, from the Holy Curé of Ars. It is in the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that the impulses of zeal are kindled and nourished; and We are pleased to emphasize this, as We know that you are gathered in a city "missionary" in so many respects, this generous city of Lyon, which, under the inspiration of the Servant of God Pauline Jaricot, saw the birth of the Pontifical Missionary Society, to which We are, as you know, so closely bound. Expanding the scope of Our desires and Our wishes, We say to you: May your prayers during these days of grace obtain from God missionary vocations! May the city of St. Pothinus and St. Irenaeus, may all of France, always, through the Eucharist, be a fertile mother for the spread of the faith throughout the world! May you all, dear sons, acquire at the foot of the altars of your Seventeenth National Eucharistic Congress a renewal of fervor that will bring joy and edification to the Church and to its Head! As a pledge of these graces, We invoke with a generous heart upon all and each of you, We grant to the most beloved Cardinal Legate, to all members of the Hierarchy, of the clergy, and of the lay Action Catholique, to all the faithful present at the Congress, as a sign of Our paternal benevolence, a large Apostolic Blessing.

[*Latin ed. p. 539*]

Sacred Congregational Acts 539. SACRED CONGREGATION CONSISTORIAL. EDICT CONCERNING CHURCHES. The Most Holy Lord Our Pope John, by Divine Providence XXIII, having, through successive decrees of the Sacred Congregation Consistorial, deigned to provide for the following churches with new pastors, namely: on April 21, 1959. — To the titular episcopal church of Hadriani ad Olympum in the Hellespont, He appointed the Reverend Father Dr. Constantinus Micci, Urban Prelate, and parish priest of the Cathedral Church of Fano, whom He appointed as Auxiliary to His Excellency Father Dr. Oddo Pernacchia, Bishop of Larino and Thermulae. on April 27. — To the titular episcopal church of Caesarea in Thessalia, He appointed the Reverend Father Dr. Paulum Savino, Primicerius Canon of the Metropolitan Chapter of Naples, Prelate of the Sacred Penitentiary, and President of the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy, whom He appointed as Auxiliary to His Eminence Father Dr. Alfonsus S. R. E. Cardinal Castaldo, Archbishop of Naples. on May 13. — To the titular episcopal church of Barcaeae, He appointed the Reverend Dr. Ferdinandum Piontek, Urban Prelate; on May 20. — To the titular episcopal church of Irenopolitan in Cilicia, He appointed the Reverend Father Dr. Georgium Jacquot, General Vicar of the archdiocese of Bisuntina, whom He constituted Coadjutor with the right of succession to His Excellency Father Dr. Augustinus Callixtus Bonnabel, Bishop of Gap. on May 25. — To the Metropolitan Church of Durango, He appointed the Most Reverend

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Father Dr. Lucius Torreblanca, formerly Bishop of Chiapas.

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Acts of the Apostolic See – Official Commentary, June 5th. – To the titular archbishopric of the Church of Selge, the Most Reverend Bernard Jacob Sheil, hitherto titular bishop of Pegae. June 6th. – To the titular bishopric of the Church of Diospolis Inferior, the Reverend Father Mauritius Ohoquet, a member of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, whom He appointed as an Auxiliary to the Most Reverend Albert Francis Cousineau, Bishop of Cap-Haïtien. June 6th. – To the titular bishopric of the Church of Carystus, the Reverend Father John Lenhardt, General Vicar of the metropolitan Church of Bamberg, whom He appointed as an Auxiliary to the Most Reverend Joseph Schneider, Archbishop of Bamberg. June 13th. – To the cathedral church of Tlaxcala, newly erected, the Reverend Father Aloysius Munive Escobar, honorary canon and parish priest of the Basilica of Our Lady, commonly known as Ocotlán, in the archdiocese of Puebla. June 16th. – To the titular archbishopric of the Church of Hadrianopolis in Haemimonto, the Most Reverend Linus Zanini, Apostolic Nuncio in the Dominican Republic. June 27th. – To the cathedral church of Solola, the Reverend Father Angelicus Melotto, of the Order of the Friars Minor, hitherto Apostolic Administrator by the mandate of the Holy See of the same Church of Solola. June 30th. – To the cathedral church of Fulda, the Most Reverend Adolf Bolte, hitherto titular bishop of Cibyra. July 7th. – To the metropolitan Church of Manizales, the Most Reverend Arthur Duque Villegas, hitherto Bishop of Ibagué.

[*Latin ed. p. 541*]

Diarium Romanae Curiae 541. DIARIUM ROMANAE CURIAE. SECRETARIA DE STATO. By Apostolic Brief, the Holy Father John XXIII, reigning happily, has deigned to appoint: April 17, 1959. The Most Reverend and Illustrious Cardinal Godfrey Guglielmo, Protector of the "Sisters of Charity of St. Paul the Apostle" (Birmingham). May 5. The Most Reverend and Illustrious Cardinal Tisserant Eugenio, Protector of the Congregation of the "Sisters of the Infant Jesus of the Poor" of Simpelveld (Ruremonda). May 16. The Most Reverend and Illustrious Cardinal Agagianian Gregorio Pietro, Protector of the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Scheut (Malines). May 25. The Most Reverend and Illustrious Cardinal Aloisi Masella Benedetto, Protector of the Congregation of the Holy Angels (Rio de Janeiro). June 6. The Most Reverend and Illustrious Cardinal Roberti Francesco, Protector of the "Religiosas de la Pureza de Maria Santísima" (Barcelona). June 6. The Most Reverend Monsignor Anne Luciano, Prelate Auditor of the Tribunal of the Sacred Roman Rota. June 22. The Most Reverend and Illustrious Cardinal Giobbe Paolo, Protector of the Missionaries of Mary Immaculate and Saint Catherine of Siena (Medellin).

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July 1. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Monsignor Marchioni Ambrogio, Apostolic Nuncio in Guatemala and El Salvador. With Letters from the Secretariat of State, the Holy Father John XXIII, reigning happily, has deigned to appoint: Honorary Chamberlains of His Holiness: March 9, 1959. Monsignor Stefanelli Francesco (Rome). Monsignor Spallanzani Cesare, of the diocese of Reggio Emilia. Monsignor Rabotti Filippo, of the same diocese. Monsignor Bonacini Giuseppe, of the same diocese. Monsignor Bronzoni Luigi, of the same diocese; Monsignor Fornaciari Antonio, of the same diocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 542*]

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His Excellency, Monsignor Virginio Caliceti, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Bruno Corradi, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Giovanni Cavandoli, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Corrado Baisi, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Francesco Milani, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Creardo Munari, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Gastone Razzoli, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Dino Torreggiani, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Dorino Conte, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Mario Prandi, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Severino Rossi, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Prospero Simonelli, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Vito Stefani, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Emanuele Rabitti, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Giuseppe Thekepalakal, of the diocese of Alleppey.

His Excellency, Monsignor Daniele Kurisinkal, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Anthony Ferdinand Conte, of the diocese of Anglona-Tursi.

His Excellency, Monsignor Salvatore Tarsia, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Carmelo Fiordalisi, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Vincenzo Arena, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Davide Meo, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Anthony La Vitola, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Andrea Mastronardi, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Michele Tavares Campos, of the diocese of Crato.

His Excellency, Monsignor Pietro Rocha de Oliveira, of the same diocese.

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His Excellency, Monsignor Emanuele Carlo de Moráis, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Antonio Alves Feitosa, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Carlo Braccini, of the diocese of Gubbio.

His Excellency, Monsignor Vito Ciufoli, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Carlo Spaziani, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Bosone Rossi, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Giovanni Hengen, of the diocese of Luxembourg.

His Excellency, Monsignor Giulio Jost, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Prospero Colling, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Agostino Achen, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Giovanni Bernard, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Alfonso Turpel, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Ernesto Bezzi, of the diocese of Orvieto.

His Excellency, Monsignor Luigi Custodi, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Giuseppe Pecoraro, of Rome.

His Excellency, Monsignor Kuriakose Nampiaparambil, of the diocese of Kothamangalam.

His Excellency, Monsignor Francesco Thekkekara, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Edoardo Vollmer, of the diocese of Sioux City.

His Excellency, Monsignor Giuseppe Tolan, of the same diocese.

His Excellency, Monsignor Zeno Reising, of the same diocese.

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Most Reverend Santos Cid Franca, of the diocese of Lorena.

Most Reverend Baur Giovanni B., of the diocese of Bressanone.

Most Reverend Oberkofler Giovanni B., of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Nelan Giacomo, of the diocese of Miami.

Most Reverend Fitzpatrick Giovanni J., of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Schiefen Roberto W., of the same diocese.

Most Reverend McKeever William F., of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Barry Domenico J., of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Maitz Edoardo, of the apostolic administration of Burgenland.

Most Reverend Etti Giovanni, of the same apostolic administration.

Most Reverend Amadio Francesco, of the diocese of Montalto.

Most Reverend Cerolini Enrico, of the diocese of Ripatransone.

Most Reverend Ascani Ascanio, of the diocese of Montepulciano.

Most Reverend Bambagini Umberto, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Fumi Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Montiani Guido, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Bearzotti Antonio, of the archdiocese of Udine.

Most Reverend Buiatti Valentino, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Comuzzi Aleardo, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Da Ronco Enrico, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Del Fabbro Lionello, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Donato Isidoro, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Donato Fabio, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Fabbro Carlo, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Freschi Abramo, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Gattesco Angelo, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Giorgis Pietro, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Giuliani Egidio, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Luccardi Ferruccio, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Murerò Antonio, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Pascolini Giovanni, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Piccini Giuseppe, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Pigani Giovanni, of the same archdiocese.

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ACTS OF POPE JOHN XXIII.

ENCYCLICAL LETTER TO VENERABLE BROTHERS, PATRIARCHS, PRIMATES, ARCHBISHOPS, BISHOPS, AND OTHER ORDINARY LOCALS, WHO HAVE PEACE AND COMMUNION WITH THE APOSTOLIC SEE:

CONCERNING THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW CENTURY FROM THE MOST HOLY DEATH OF SAINT JOHN MARY BAPTISTE VIANNEY.

JOHN XXIII, TO THE VENERABLE BROTHERS, GREETINGS AND APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION.

The beginnings of Our priesthood, replete with abundant and sweet consolations, bring to Our mind the event by which We were deeply and profoundly moved: namely, the sacred solemnities held on January 8th of the year 1905, in the majesty of the Basilica of Saint Peter, when John Mary Baptiste Vianney, the most humble priest of Galliae, was enrolled in the annals of the Blessed in Heaven.

Indeed, only a few months before, We Ourselves attained the dignity of the priesthood, and We were therefore filled with admiration, that Our Predecessor, the blessed and remembered Pope Saint Pius X, who was once the pastor of the small town of Salti, so greatly rejoiced in presenting that illustrious example of priestly virtues to all who seek to emulate him.

And now, recalling these things after so long a period of time, We give thanks to Our Redeemer for all eternity.

[*Latin ed. p. 546*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 546 speaks of this notable benefit, by which, as if impelled by the efficacious and supreme power of grace, we have been granted the sacred office. It is also fitting to remember that on that very day, when these honors were bestowed upon the Blessed in Heaven, a message reached Us, informing Us that the episcopal dignity had been conferred upon that most illustrious Prelate, James M. Radini Tedeschi, who, after a few intervening days, invited Us to visit him, so that we might minister to him; and we found him to be a most beloved master and father. Furthermore, together with him, at the very beginning of that same year, 1915, we made our first pilgrimage to the town commonly

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called Ars, which, due to the holiness of its Curé, has acquired such a renowned name. We also believe that it happened, with a particular divine Providence, that in the year 1925, when we were raised to the episcopal office, the Most Holy Pope, the blessed and revered Pius XI, at the end of May, bestowed honors upon the humble Curé of Ars. To that Most Holy Pope, in the homily he then delivered, it seemed fitting to present "before all eyes the image of the body of John Vianney, his neck adorned with a crown of white hair, like a promise, and his thin face, marked by fasting, from which the innocence and sweetness of a most humble and saintly soul shone forth so brightly that, at first sight, crowds of people were drawn to salutary thoughts." Not long afterward, our predecessor, in the year marking the fiftieth anniversary of his priestly ordination, declared Saint John Vianney, whom Saint Pius X had long ago wished to be recognized as the patron of the priests of France, "for the promotion of the spiritual good of all the priests throughout the world," as their heavenly patron. These acts of our predecessors, Venerable Brothers, which are joined to the memory of events worthy of grateful remembrance, we have deemed it fitting to recall through these Encyclical Letters.

[*Latin ed. p. 547*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 547, remind us that, as the century draws to a close, the most holy man, worn out by forty years of tireless labor in the sacred ministry, and renowned throughout the world for his sanctity, peacefully departed this life on August 4th, in the year 1859, and ascended to the heavens. Therefore, we give thanks to the Most Gracious God, not only because this saint shone with the brilliance of his sanctity during our own priestly life, in two matters of great importance, but also because, during these early years of our pontificate, the opportunity has been given to us to solemnly commemorate this most excellent shepherd of souls, blessed with such worldly success. To you, Venerable Brothers, it will be readily apparent that we direct our thoughts and concerns through these letters to the men of the sacred Order, who are certainly most dear to us; and we earnestly urge you all – especially those who dedicate themselves to the pastoral ministry – to consider with attentive minds the wondrous example of this saint, who, having once shared in the same priestly office, is now constituted the heavenly patron of priests. Indeed, many monuments of teaching have been published by the Supreme Pontiffs, in which the greatness of the priestly office of the sacred ministers is declared, and the path is laid out and fortified for its proper fulfillment; and among these, as more recent ones that excel in importance, we wish to commend to you in a special way, either the Apostolic Exhortation of the blessed memory of Saint Pius X, to which the index *Haerent animo* refers, which aroused in us, newly ordained to the priesthood, a desire for more fervent piety, or the truly admirable Encyclical Letters promulgated by our predecessor, the

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blessed memory of Pope Pius XI, which begin with the words "Ad catholici sacerdotii," or finally, with regard to our predecessor, the Apostolic Exhortation which is inscribed in our memory, as well as the three allocutions in which he, with Saint Pius X, [references to documents].

[*Latin ed. p. 548*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 548, decreed the honors of the heavenly Saints, and most excellently described the sacred rites and aspects of the 6th Order. These documents, Venerable Brothers, are undoubtedly known to you. However, allow us to cite certain words taken from a discourse, disseminated after the death of Our Predecessor, as they represent the solemn and ultimate exhortation of that great Pontiff concerning priestly sanctity: "By the character of Holy Orders, God has willed to establish an eternal bond of love, by which He loves His priests more than others; therefore, they are bound to repay this special love of God by the sanctity of their lives... Therefore, the cleric must be a man chosen from the people, entirely endowed with heavenly duties, a partaker of divine power, and, to put it briefly, another Christ... He must no longer live for himself; and it is likewise fitting for him to seek not his relatives, not his friends, not merely his earthly homeland, but himself... He must burn with charity towards all. Indeed, his very thoughts, his will, his feelings, no longer belong to him, but to Jesus Christ, who is his life." 7 To these very heights of priestly life, Saint John Vianney certainly calls us, and urges us vehemently. Therefore, it is pleasing to Us to add Our exhortations, so that Our priests may strive for this very thing. We know their cares and concerns, We know the difficulties with which their apostolic work is burdened today. If We lament that the minds of some are tossed about by the waves of this world and that they are weakened by weariness, We also know, through experience, of many others whose faith remains firm amidst difficulties, and whose minds are inflamed with zeal, by whom many strive generously for the best things. Indeed, when they began their priesthood, Christ the Lord turned to them these words full of sweetness: "I will not now call you servants." 6 7 8 A. A. S., XLVI, 1954, pp. 313-317, and 666-677. Cf. A. A. S., L, 1958, pp. 966-967. Roman Pontifical; cf. JOHN XV, 15. 8

[*Latin ed. p. 549*]

Acta of Pope John XXIII, 549: "May these Encyclical Letters of Ours contribute to fostering and strengthening this divine friendship among the entire clergy, since in this, above all, are contained the joy and the fruit of the entire priestly ministry."

"It is not Our intention, Venerable Brothers, to address each and every question pertaining to the present-day priestly life; rather, following closely in the footsteps of Saint Pius X, 'we shall say nothing that is entirely unheard of to you or to anyone, but rather, things that certainly all ought

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to remember.' " 9 For the features of this heavenly spirit, if only they are placed in their proper light, certainly have the power to lead us, through a diligent examination, to those things which must always be observed, and which, at the present time, have such importance that We seem to be bound by Our Apostolic office to urge them upon you in a special way, through this given secular commemoration. The Catholic Church, which has raised this man of the sacred Order to the honors of the Saints, "with a remarkable pastoral zeal, constant prayer, and fervor of penance," 10 after exactly a century from his maternal death, proposes him as an example to be imitated by the entire clergy, since he shines forth as the most outstanding example of priestly asceticism, of piety, especially Eucharistic piety, and finally, of pastoral zeal.

Indeed, when one speaks of Saint John Vianney, the image of a priest spontaneously comes to mind, who, through a singular manner of voluntary bodily mortification, and guided solely by the love of God and the care for the salvation of his neighbors, abstained almost entirely from food and sleep, practiced the most rigorous acts of penance, and especially, through steadfast fortitude of spirit, denied himself. This manner of living is not for all, 9 10 Exhort. Oratio Haerent Missae, in animo; Acta Pii X, festo S. M. Vianney. I. p. 238.

[*Latin ed. p. 550*]

550 - Acta Apostolicae Sedis - The official commentary affirms that the faithful are certainly bound to embrace this; nevertheless, divine providence has ensured that at no time will there be lacking in the Church those spiritual guides, inflamed by the Spirit of the Holy Spirit, who will not hesitate to undertake this path, since, indeed, many people, through this very manner of acting, are more easily led from the snares of errors and vices to the right path and to a good life. The admirable devotion with which St. John Vianney, "harsh to himself, gentle to others," 1 1 so greatly demonstrated, very aptly and clearly recalls the principal aspects that priests, with regard to their own perfection in life, ought to attribute to the virtue of penance. Our blessed predecessor, Pope Pius XII, in order to better illustrate this doctrine and to defend it from certain incorrect doubts, indeed denied "that the clerical state – insofar as it is such and proceeds from divine law – demands, by its very nature, or at least by a certain requirement of its nature, that the same members observe the evangelical counsels"; 1 2 and he rightly concluded these matters with these words: "Therefore, the cleric is not bound by divine law to the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience." 13 Nevertheless, the German interpretation of the same Supreme Pontiff, who was so concerned about the sanctity of the clergy, undoubtedly distorts and constantly contradicts the teaching of the Church on this matter, if one were to dare to infer that clerics are bound to strive for evangelical perfection of life less than religious members. Indeed,

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the situation is quite different; for, "greater interior sanctity is required for the proper performance of the priestly office than is required even for the religious state." 1 4 If ecclesiastical men, in order truly to attain this sanctity of morals, are not commanded by the very nature of the clerical state to observe the evangelical counsels, nevertheless, as with all the faithful, these same counsels are open to them as the safest path. 1 1 12 13 14 Cf. Archiv. Seer. Vat., C. SS. Rituum, Processus, vol. 2, p. 27. Annus sacer; A. A. 8., XLIII, 1951, p. 29. Ibid. S. THOM., Sum. Th., II-II, q. 184, a. 8, in C. 196.

[*Latin ed. p. 551*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 551, concerning the attainment of the desired goal of Christian perfection. Furthermore, it is a great comfort to Us that many priests today, endowed with generous virtue, demonstrate that they feel this very thing, who, although attached to the diocesan clergy, seek help and assistance from pious associations approved by the authority of the Church, so that they may more easily and quickly enter the path of perfection! Indeed, these ecclesiastics, who are most inclined to heed the warnings of the Divine Master: "Then Jesus said to his disciples: If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me," 16 must give the most attentive ear to these admonitions. 17 It is recorded that "the holy parish priest of Arsi often pondered this saying on Sundays, and resolved to apply it to his own conduct." 18 He embraced this with eagerness, and, aided by divine grace, accomplished it with the utmost virtue; and by his example, he still demonstrates a safe path for the ascetical exercises of the priesthood, in which his poverty, chastity, and obedience shine brightly. First of all, consider the witness of poverty. With humble zeal, the Arsiensis curate imitated the Patriarch of Assisi, faithfully observing the discipline of the Franciscan Tertiary Order. 19 Rich towards others, but most poor towards himself, he passed his life completely detached from the fleeting goods of this world, and his soul, freed from these impediments, was able to open itself widely to all kinds of the afflicted, who flocked to him in crowds to seek solace. "My secret," he said, "is very easy to grasp. For it is contained in these few words: to give everything, and to keep nothing for oneself." 15 Cf. 16 Matthew. 17 Cf. Secret Archives of the Vatican, vol. 227, p. 137. 19 Cf. Ibid., vol. 227, p. 92. Pius XI, Allocution, April 19, 1953; A. 24. A.S., XLV, 1953, p. 288. 16 These are abstinences from external goods.

[*Latin ed. p. 552*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See – Official Commentary 552 – led him to devote diligent and meticulous care to the poor, especially those in his own parish. He treated them with the utmost kindness, embracing them "with sincere charity, with the greatest benevolence, indeed, with reverence."

He constantly reminded others that the poor should never be scorned,

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since their contempt reflected upon God Himself. When beggars came to his door, he received them with great affection, and rejoiced that he could help them in this way: "I myself also live in poverty; I am one of you."

Towards the end of his life, it was pleasing to him to repeat such words: "I am now about to depart with joy; I possess nothing more; and so, when the most benevolent God shall have called me, I shall go forth readily and prepared."

Therefore, Venerable Brothers, it is with this spirit that we encourage all our beloved sons who share in the priesthood to reflect upon these examples of poverty and charity. "Through daily experience," wrote Pope Pius XI, specifically referring to St. John Vianney, "it has been known that priests who live a simpler life, and who do not in any way serve their own interests according to the teachings of the Gospel, always confer wonderful benefits upon the Christian people."

And the Supreme Pontiff, when speaking of the present condition of human society, also addressed these weighty admonitions to priests, no less than to others: "When men are seen to sell everything for money, to buy everything at a price, and are led astray by the temptations of vice, lacking all concern for themselves, let them, detesting the unworthy greed for wealth, seek not material gain but the profit of souls, let them strive for and seek not their own glory but the glory of God."

These words must be deeply imprinted in the heart of every priest. If someone has legitimately acquired certain possessions...

[*Latin ed. p. 553*]

Let the Acts of Pope John XXIII be consulted, and let him take care lest he be attached to the same avarice. Rather, let him remember that, according to the broad norms of the Code of Canon Law concerning ecclesiastical benefices, he is bound by a grave duty "to expend superfluous [fruits] for the poor or for pious causes."

2. Let no one suffer, may God prevent it, that the severe judgment, by which the former parish priest of Arsius once rebuked his flock, should fall upon him: "How many conceal their wealth, while so many perish from hunger."

3. Indeed, it is known to us that many priests in these times live a life of poverty. Those, who, considering that the highest honors have been bestowed upon them from Heaven, having voluntarily renounced all things, desire nothing more than to see themselves in their parish as the poorest of all,

4. certainly have reason to find encouragement in the evangelical poverty, in cultivating the study of devotion, and to derive a salutary incentive from it. And if our paternal solicitude can offer any comfort, let them know that we greatly rejoice that they, moved by no concern for their

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own utility, generously serve Christ and the Church.

5. But when we so commend and extol this excellent virtue of poverty, let no one think that we approve of the utter destitution of all things, in which, sometimes, the ministers of the Lord are found, whether in cities or in remote villages. In this matter, the Venerable St. Bede, while explaining the words concerning abstinence from earthly things, with appropriate commentary, warns against any improper interpretation of these words: "This precept is not to be understood as meaning that nothing of money should be reserved by the holy [ones], either for their own needs, or for the needs of the poor; for it is also written that the Lord Himself... had chests to inform His Church, but that one should not serve God for these things, and that justice should not be abandoned out of fear of poverty."

6. G. I. C., can. 26. Cf. Sermons.

7. Cf. Árch.

8. In Luke 2.

9. Ceterum dignus est operarius 1473. du B. Secret. Evangelium Jean Vat., t. B. M. 227, Expositio, IV, Vianney, p. in 1909, t. I, p. 364. 91. c. 12; MIGNE, PL 92, col. 494-5.

[*Latin ed. p. 554*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 554, with their due recompense; and We, moved by the same solicitude of Our Predecessor, earnestly implore the faithful to heed the exhortations of their pastors, who diligently strive to ensure that their own ministers, who serve in the sacred ministry, are not lacking in the daily necessities of sustenance.

30. John M. Vianney, as he practiced abstinence from worldly things, so also he excelled in voluntary bodily discipline, as an example. "Only in one way," he said, "can one, as it were, devote oneself to God, namely, through the renunciation of oneself and the practice of penance: namely, by dedicating oneself entirely to Him."

31. The holy Arsiensis Curio, at every time of his life, diligently pursued chastity. These illustrious examples of chastity seem particularly relevant to priests of our time, who, as, alas, happens in many regions, are often compelled to live in the midst of human society, which is infected by excessive licentiousness and a surfeit of vice. For them, indeed, the words of St. Thomas Aquinas often ring true: "It is more difficult to conduct oneself well with the care of souls, because of external dangers."

32. Moreover, they often feel isolated from the company of others, and are little understood by the faithful, whose salvation they are entrusted to care for, and are little encouraged and supported in their endeavors. We earnestly urge all of these, especially those who suffer more from solitude and who are in greater danger with regard to this virtue, through these letters, again and again, Venerable Brothers, that the splendor of chastity

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may somehow be reflected in their entire lives; a virtue which St. Pius X rightly and deservedly called "the most beautiful ornament of our Order."

29. Cfr. Luke 10:7.

30. Cfr. Adhort. 81.

31. Cfr. Archiv. Secret. 8.

32. Sum. Th., c. 33.

Exhort. 1.

Apost. Haerent Menti Vat., animo; Nostrae; A. A. t. 227, p. 91.

Acta Pii X, IV, S., XLII, p. 260. 1950, pp. 697-699.

[*Latin ed. p. 555*]

To you, Venerable Brothers, strive with all your might and spare no labors, that the clergy entrusted to your care may employ those conditions of life and of sacred labor which most greatly favor their eager zeal. Indeed, it must be accomplished with all effort and diligence that the dangers of a solitary life be removed, that whatever is done inconsiderately or rashly be prevented by suitable admonitions, and that, finally, both the allurements of idleness and the excesses of external activity be restrained. In this matter, it is entirely fitting to recall to mind the precepts full of wisdom imparted by our Predecessor through Encyclical Letters, beginning with the words "Sacra Virginitas." The parish priests of Arsi, it is said, radiated with an angelic light. And truly, he who even now turns his mind and spirit to him is not only strengthened by the vigorous fortitude of spirit with which this athlete of Christ subjected his body to servitude, but also by that most effective power of persuasion, with which he attracted to himself the pious multitudes of pilgrims who flocked to him, enticing them with a certain sweetness to follow in his heavenly footsteps. For he had clearly learned from the prolonged use of the Sacrament of Penance the harmful effects of impure and wicked lusts. For this reason, these lamentations would burst forth from his heart: "Unless innocent minds are held, which, having admitted our offenses, please God, how great and how bitter the punishments we must suffer!" As he was so deeply versed in this matter, he would add this counsel to those listening: "The works of Penance bring such delights and such sweetness, that once tasted, they will never leave the mind... Those who seize this path are only laboring at the first steps." This ascetic way of life, by which priestly chastity is preserved, ensures that the priest's spirit, far from being confined by the barren limits of his own usefulness, is more readily available and...

[*Latin ed. p. 556*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See – Official Commentary 556, may more widely serve the needs of the brethren. In this regard, Saint John Vianney aptly observed: "The soul adorned with the virtue of chastity cannot fail

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to love others; for it has found the very source and origin of love, namely, God." How much benefit do those individuals confer upon human society who, freed from worldly concerns and completely dedicated to divine service, devote their lives, thoughts, and energies to the welfare of their brethren? How much do priests benefit the Church when they are deeply concerned with maintaining the integrity of chastity, which, along with Our Predecessor, the blessed Pope Pius XI, we consider the most outstanding ornament of the Catholic priesthood, and "which, as far as the souls of priests are concerned, seems to us to respond more appropriately and suitably to the designs and wishes of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus." Indeed, did not the designs of that same divine charity fill the mind of John Vianney when he wrote with such joy: "The priesthood is the love of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus?" As for the virtue of obedience, in which this saintly man likewise excelled, there are countless testimonies. It can truly be affirmed that his fidelity to the leaders of the Church, which he professed upon entering the priesthood, was always faithfully preserved, and that it compelled him to a certain continuous offering of his will for a period of forty years. Indeed, at every time in his life, he vehemently rejected the idea of leading a quiet and secluded life, and he considered pastoral duties as a heavier burden placed upon his shoulders, from which he did not hesitate to free himself on more than one occasion. His obedience to his bishop was truly remarkable; and in this regard, Venerable Brothers, we wish to refer to some testimonies in these Encyclical Letters: "From the age of fifteen, he yearned for a life of solitude, and, lacking this, he renounced all things..."

[*Latin ed. p. 557*]

"Acta Joannis Pp. XXIII 557: omnibus solatiis interclusus fuit, quae eius vitae condicio afferre poterat" : "Deus autem non voluit ut hoc propositum ad effectum duceretur. Hoc modo, sine dubio, divinitus erat provisum, ut Sanctus Ioannes Maria Vianney suam voluntatem oboedientiae submittat, et desideriis suis officia ministerii sui praeponat; et ita, studium eius de seipso negare numquam defuit" ; "Ioannes M. Vianney, ut omnibus suis superioribus pararet, munere parochi in Arsi fungitur, et in eodem munere usque ad finem vitae suae perseverat".

"Notandum autem est, quod plena obtemperatio iussis superiorum omnino supernaturalibus principiis fundata erat; nam, ecclesiasticam auctoritatem agnoscens et rite observantem, ipse fidei obsequium praestabat verbis Christi Domini Apostolis suis asseverantis: 'He that heareth you heareth me'" ; "et, ut suis superioribus fideliter conformaretur, voluntatem suam coercebat, sive onera sacra audiendi Confessiones suscipiendo, sive talem operam navando ceteris in apostolatu collegis, quae uberiores et magis salutares fructus parerent. Verum est, hanc integerrimam oboedientiae formam clericorum ordini in exemplo proponimus, omnino

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confisi, ut ipsi, huius virtutis vim et pulchritudinem melius percipientes, in eam acriore studio ardeant. Et si qui summum huius virtutis momentum in dubitationem adducere auderent, ut interdum hodie contingit, eos refellat sententia felicis memoriae Pii XII, Nostri Praedecessoris, quae firma mente retineri debet: 'Sanctitas vitae cuiusque et efficacia apostolatus niti et sustineri, tamquam solido fundamento, in constanti et fidelique sacrae hierarchiae observantia'" .

"Ceterum, ut probe notistis, Venerabiles Fratres, recentiores Nostri Praedecessores saepe..."

[*Latin ed. p. 558*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See – Official Commentary, 558, gravely warned priests about the magnitude of the problem arising from the increasing reluctance among the clergy to obey, whether it pertains to the teaching magistrium of the Church, or to various ways and means of undertaking the apostolate, or finally, to ecclesiastical discipline itself. We do not wish to linger any longer on this matter, but rather we deem it fitting to exhort all those who share in the Catholic priesthood, to foster and increase love for it in their hearts, so that they may feel themselves bound to the Church, their Mother, with ever closer ties. It is recorded that St. John Vianney lived in the Church in such a way that he worked only for her, and consumed himself as a wick consumed by burning coals. May that priesthood of Jesus Christ touch us also, and completely consume us with that flame which arises from the Holy Spirit. We owe everything to the Church; therefore, we must work daily in her name and with her authority, and indeed, we must diligently fulfill the duties entrusted to us by her, and strive to serve her, united by the bonds of fraternal unity and with that perfect manner in which service is due to her.

45 II. St. John Vianney, as we have said, who so greatly cultivated the virtue of penance, also held that "the priest must above all be devoted to constant prayer." 46 Indeed, it is known that this recent parish priest, in a place where the practice of Christian life was completely languishing, spent very long and delightful hours at night adoring Jesus in the Sacrament of Charity; and so, the Holy Tabernacle seemed to be a source from which he continually drew heavenly strength, with which he nourished and strengthened his own piety, and promoted the effectiveness of his apostolic work.

46 Cf. Arch. Secret. Vat., t. 227, p. 136. Cf. Ibid., t. 227, p. 33.

[*Latin ed. p. 559*]

559 The Acts of Pope John XXIII reveal that, during the lifetime of this holy man, the parish of Arsiensi could be most fittingly described by the words with which our Predecessor, the blessed and revered Pope Pius XII, described the Christian parish: "The church stands in the center; in the

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center of the church is the Holy Tabernacle, and on either side are seats for the sacred administration of the Sacraments, from which the Christian people receive supernatural grace or are restored to health." For priests of our time, who sometimes unduly extol the effectiveness of external actions, and who are too easily led to the agitation of ministry to the detriment of their own spiritual well-being, it is most opportune and salutary to consider the example of constant prayer given by that man who devoted himself entirely to alleviating the needs of souls. "It is inconsiderateness," the Arsiensi Curio said, "that prevents us priests from attaining sanctity. We are weary of detaching the mind from external things; we do not know what is right to do. We need attentive consideration, constant prayer, and intimate union with God." As can be gathered from the testimonies of his own life, he persevered in prayer, from which neither the burden of administering the Sacraments nor any other pastoral duties could in any way divert him. "Even when engaged in the most pressing affairs, he did not cease to converse with God."

Let us now hear him speak himself; for he possessed an inexhaustible wealth of words when speaking of the happiness or the benefits that we obtain through prayer: "We are beggars, who must demand everything from God"; "How many can we bring to God through our prayers!"; And he often repeated: "The most fervent prayer is this: Behold, here is perfect human happiness!" With this happiness he himself abundantly enjoyed, when he directed his mind, illuminated by heavenly light, to the contemplation of celestial things, and from the Incarnate Word...

[*Latin ed. p. 560*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See - Commentary 560. Officially, from the very beginning, drawn to the heights of the Most Holy Trinity, which he loved with the greatest affection, he elevated his soul in simplicity and purity. And the crowds of pilgrims who surrounded him in the temple sensed that something from the innermost depths of this humble priest's life was being revealed, as these words, accustomed to bursting forth from his inflamed heart, were frequently uttered: "To be loved by God, to be united with God, to walk before God, to live for God: oh, blessed life, oh, blessed death!"

2. We earnestly desire, Venerable Brothers, that those ministers of the sacred rites entrusted to your vigilance, moved by these testimonies of the life of St. John Vianney, may be certain that they must strive with all their might to excel in the study of prayer; and that this can indeed be achieved, even if they are sometimes greatly occupied with apostolic labors. However, in order to achieve this, it is necessary that their lives be entirely conformed to the norms of faith, which John Vianney so thoroughly embodied, achieving such admirable results. "Oh, the faith of this priest is wondrous!" – so asserted a colleague in the sacred ministry – "It is so great that it can enrich the souls of the entire diocese!"

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3. Indeed, this constant union with God is achieved and maintained through various exercises of priestly piety, of which the Church has prescribed many, especially those of greater importance, such as, in particular, daily meditation, pious greetings to the Divine Tabernacle, recitation of the Rosary of Mary, and diligent examination of conscience.

4. As for the hourly prayers, priests are obliged to recite them, having accepted the grave office towards the Church. Perhaps, it is because some of these norms are neglected that the reason is often sought for, "why ecclesiastical men are swept away by the vortex of worldly affairs, gradually deprived of the sacred inspiration, and, alas, tempted by the delights of this earthly life, and are in grave danger."

[*Latin ed. p. 561*]

Acta of Pope John XXIII, 561, observes that, having been deprived of all spiritual support, they are utterly abandoned. But, on the contrary, John Mary Vianney, "although he devoted himself most intensely to the salvation of others, he did not neglect his own. He was most concerned with his own sanctity, so that he might be more fit to lead others to it."

56 As Saint Pius X said: "Let us certainly and firmly hold this: that in order for a priest to worthily sustain his rank and office, it is necessary that he be exceedingly devoted to the study of prayer... But the priest must devote himself far more to others, according to the precept of Christ: 'Pray always.' To this, Paul adhered with such fervor, urging: 'Continue instant in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving.' Pray without ceasing."

57 Furthermore, we gladly repeat the words with which our predecessor, in the very beginning of his pontificate, gave to the priests a kind of seal: "Pray more and more, and pray with greater fervor."

58 The devotion to prayer of Saint John M. Vianney, who, it is said, spent almost thirty years of his life almost entirely in the church, where he was surrounded by a great multitude of penitents, was distinguished by a particular characteristic: he was especially devoted to the Eucharist. It is scarcely believable that the Lord Christ, present in the Eucharist, did not inflame him with burning piety. "There is He who loves us so much; why do we not return His love?"

59 He himself, undoubtedly, pursued the adorable Sacrament of the altar with fervent charity, and his soul was drawn to the sacred Tabernacle with a certain impulse, which he could not resist. Thus, he taught his faithful how to pray: "It is not necessary to use many words in order to pray properly. We believe that there, in the sacred Tabernacle, the most benign God is present; we open our souls to Him; we rejoice in what He reveals to us; this is the best way to pray!"

60 He did nothing to diminish the reverence and love of the faithful for

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[*Latin ed. p. 562*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 562: He would summon them to partake of the hidden power of the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and to be renewed by the divine assembly; and by the example of his own piety, he would lead others. "As witnesses have related, it was enough for one to observe him performing the sacred rites, and even to bend the knee when passing before the Tabernacle."

((The wondrous examples of St. John Vianney – as Our Predecessor, the most holy Pope Pius XII, testifies – retain their full force even in our times.)) 62: Indeed, the priestly prayer, offered with the utmost devotion before the adorable Altar of the Sacrament, possesses such dignity and efficacy that it cannot be attained by the priest through any other means, nor can it be replaced by any other method. Therefore, whether the priest adores Christ the Lord and gives thanks to Him, whether he offers satisfaction for his own sins and those of others, or whether, finally, he prays fervently, commending to God the causes entrusted to him, he is inflamed with a more ardent charity towards the Divine Redeemer, to whom he has professed his faith, and towards the people, to whom he applies pastoral care. And from the Eucharistic piety, which is fervent, diligent, and active, it follows that the inner perfection of his soul is fostered and cultivated, and that supernatural powers flow into him, with which the most valiant workers of Christ must always be endowed. We must also not pass over in silence the benefits that result from this, which accrue to the faithful themselves, who are witnesses to the priests' piety, and who are encouraged by their examples. Indeed, as Our Predecessor, the blessed Pope Pius XII, aptly observed when addressing the clergy of this city: "If you desire that the faithful, who trust in you, may pray piously and willingly, it is necessary that the example of your piety shine forth in the temple, and that they see you yourselves praying. The priest who, with reverence, in a dignified posture, and with an attentive mind, pours out his prayers before the Sacred Tabernacle, is a shining Christian example to the people, and to whom is given an incentive and an invitation to emulate such piety.

[*Latin ed. p. 563*]

Acts of Blessed John [Vianney], 6:3. Pp. XXIII, 563. He, indeed, made use of these priestly virtues in the exercise of his apostolic office, virtues which, without any doubt, are always most efficacious in all circumstances of time and place. However, let it never be forgotten that the most sacred form of Eucharistic prayer is to be found in the Holy Sacrifice of the Altar, and that this must be contained within it. We believe, Venerable Brothers, that this is a matter deserving of careful consideration, as it touches upon a fundamental aspect of priestly life, which is most necessary. Our inten-

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tion at present is not to expound more fully the doctrine handed down by our predecessors concerning the Priesthood and the Eucharistic Sacrifice, which has been explained by our blessed predecessors, Pope Pius XI and Pope Pius XII, in weighty and clear documents. We urge you, therefore, that these matters, entrusted to your care by priests and the faithful, may be more diligently examined by you. Thus, some uncertainties may be dispelled; and those who are more bold may be brought back to a more correct order, regarding those things which have sometimes been stated in discussion concerning these matters. Moreover, we believe that through these Encyclical Letters, we can also demonstrate how very salutary it is that the holy Curé of Ars, as befits a hero, was so observant of priestly duties, and is truly worthy to be presented as an outstanding example of virtue to those who are leaders of souls, and to be remembered as their heavenly Patron. If this is plainly true, namely, that a priest is increased in his priesthood when he serves at the altars, and that he is initiated into the performance of this office through the Eucharistic Sacrifice, then it is equally true that the Eucharistic Sacrifice must remain, as long as he lives, the principle and source both of that sanctity which is proper to him, and of that apostolic activity to which he dedicates himself. All of these things were perfectly realized in Saint John Vianney.

63 Cf. Allocution of March 13, 1943; A.A.S., XXXV, 1943, pp. 114-115.

[*Latin ed. p. 564*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 564. Is it not the very essence of that action to bring before our eyes the fact that, wherever the Church lives, it gathers the people around the sacred altar, united by the bonds of faith, regenerated by the holy baptism, cleansed from sins? For then, the priest, having received the sacred power, performs the divine Sacrifice, where Christ Jesus renews the one immolation which He perfected on the mountain of Calvary for the redemption of the human race and for the glory of the heavenly Father. Then, the Christians, united together, through the ministry of the priest, offer the divine Victim to the highest and eternal God, and offer themselves "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercy of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, pleasing unto God, your reasonable service," according to Rom 12:1. 64. There, the people of God, instructed in the doctrines and precepts of the faith, and nourished by the Body of Christ, find what imparts, proves, and, if necessary, strengthens supernatural life. 64. Furthermore, throughout the world, throughout the course of course of time, the Mystical Body of Christ, which is the Church, grows in spiritual strength. Indeed, as Saint John Vianney, with each passing year, devoted himself more and more to preaching the truths of religion and to cleansing souls stained with blemishes, and as he turned to the altar of God in every act of his sacred ministry, his life is rightly

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and deservedly called a distinctly priestly and pastoral life. Undoubtedly, many sinners flocked willingly to the sacred edifice of Ars, drawn by the reputation of the holy Curé, while, on the contrary, not a few priests face great difficulties in gathering the people and gaining their trust, and, in the manner of missionaries, may be able to impart the first principles of Christian doctrine. However, these apostolic labors, which are necessary and sometimes arduous, must not prevent men of God from recalling the matter of the highest importance, which they must always keep in mind, and which Saint John Vianney affirmed when he devoted himself entirely to the most important duties of the apostolic life in that humble country church. 8 4 Born. X I I , i .

[*Latin ed. p. 565*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 565. It is, however, most important to note this: that the priest, whatever he intends, must act so that he may become holy, and must draw from the Holy Sacrifice of the Eucharist, by which he offers sacrifice, a supernatural power and a superior efficacy, following the exhortations of the Pontifical Roman Missal: ”Know what you do; imitate what you handle.” In this regard, the words of our Blessed Predecessor, which are found in the Apostolic Exhortation entitled *Menti Nostrae*, are fittingly presented here: ”Just as the entire life of our Savior was ordered towards His sacrifice, so too the life of the priest, who must bear the image of Christ within himself, must be ordered so that, with Him, in Him, and through Him, the sacrifice may be pleasing... Therefore, the priest must not only celebrate the Holy Sacrifice, but also, in a certain way, live it; in this way he can draw upon that supernatural power by which he may be completely transformed and participate in the most holy life of the Divine Redeemer...” 65. Furthermore: ”It is necessary, therefore, that the priestly soul strive to reflect what is done on the sacrificial altar: just as Jesus Christ offers Himself, so too His minister must, together with Him, offer himself; just as Jesus atones for the sins of men, so too the priest must, through the highest Christian ascetical practices, attain to the purification of himself and of his neighbors.” 66. The Church, with a maternal invitation, urges her sacred ministers to cultivate asceticism and to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice with the utmost religious observance. Is it not the cause of this that the priests, from that first charity received at their sacred ordination, have gradually grown lukewarm, because they have not fully understood the mutual bond by which the gift of themselves and the sacrificial offering are joined together? St. John Vianney learned this through experience, and affirmed it with these words: ”The reason why the behavior of priests becomes lax is because...” *Adhort. Apost. Menti Nostrae; A. A. &., XLII, ”e Cfr. Ibid.,

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pp. 667-668. 1950, pp. 666-667.

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Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 566, which are diligently and reverently read by those devoted to sacred studies. He himself, whose conduct was marked by outstanding virtue, "offered himself three times for the sick," 6 7 and shed tears, "when he considered the unhappy priests, who were not equal to the sanctity due to their office." 6 8 We earnestly exhort our most beloved priests, with paternal encouragement, to examine themselves at certain and fixed times, to consider how they celebrate the divine mysteries, with what spirit and disposition they approach the altar, and what fruit they strive to obtain from them. Secular observances, held in honor of this most illustrious and wondrous priest, who drew from the "consolation and joy of the divine sacrifice" 69 an ardent spirit for devotion, urge them to do so: and his intercession – we are certain of this – will abundantly bestow light and strength upon them. III. The aforementioned examples of outstanding priestly asceticism and prayer, presented before your eyes, Venerable Brothers, also clearly demonstrate from what source Saint John Vianney drew his pastoral wisdom, and how remarkable was the supernatural effectiveness of his sacred ministry. In this regard, our blessed predecessor, Pope Pius XII, wisely warned: "Let the priest be aware that the more important his ministry is, the more fruitful it will be, the more closely he is united with Christ and guided by His Spirit." 70 Indeed, the life of the Arsiensis Curate provides a new and even more outstanding example, confirming the highest standard of apostolic labor, which is based on the words of Jesus Christ: "I am the vine." 71 Without doubt, all the humble aspects of 67 Cf. Arch. Secret. Vat., vol. 2, p. 7, p. 319. 68 Cf. Ibid., vol. 2, p. 7, p. 47. 69 Cf. Ibid., pp. 667-668. Adhort. Apost. Menti Nostrae; A. A. S., 70, p. 676. 70 JOHN, XV, 5. 71 Cf. A. A. S., 1950, p. 676.

[*Latin ed. p. 567*]

Acta Ioannis P. XXIII 567: Mirabilia acta agrorum pagi Curionis, qui per triginta annos in tribunali Paenitentiae tam numerose turba congregabat, ut a quibusdam per contemptum appellatus sit "veluti undevicesimi saeculi vulgi turbator"; 72 neque de peculiaribus omnibus rationibus agendum putamus, quibus suo munere functus est, et quae haud semper possunt nostris temporibus accommodari. Ad rem quod spectat, hoc tantummodo memorare libet, hunc Caelitem nempe suis temporibus pastoralis studii exemplar exstitisse in humili pago, qui christianae fidei morumque iacaturas, saeviente Gallica rerum perturbatione factas, adhuc referbat. Hoc enim accepit mandatum, antequam paroeciale munus intreret: "Parum Dei amoris in paroecia illa invenies; fac ut per te excitetur." 73 Cum autem se ipsum probaverit indefatigatum Dei operarium, sollertem ac sagacem ad iuventutem sibi conciliandam

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familiasque christianis moribus conformandas, de humanis suarum ovium necessitatibus impigre sollicitum, eodem consuetudine vitae proximum, ad curas et ad labores omne genus ita paratum ut christianae instituerentur scholae sacraeque ad populum missiones haberentur: haec omnia ostendunt, S. Ioannem M. Vianney apud parvum sibi creditum gregem veram in se rettulisse boni pastoris imaginem, qui suas oves cognoscit, procul a periculis avertit, fortiter suaviterque moderatur. Suas profecto ipsius laudes inscius praedicavit, cum populum alloquens olim in haec verba prorupit: "O bonum pastorem! o pastorem, qui Iesu Christi mandatis votisque omnino respondet! En beneficium, quod maximum paroeciae conferre potest benignissimus Deus." 74 Cum autem sancti huius viri exempla tria capita praesertim nos recolere iubeant, quorum vis atque momentum ad omnia pertinent tempora, in eadem potissimum cupimus, Venerabiles Fratres, vestrum intentum animum convertere. 72 Cfr. Arch. Secret. Vat., t. 2 2 7, p. 629. 73 Cfr. 74 Cfr. Sermons, 1. c, t. 2, p. 86. Ibid., t. 227, p. 15.

Acta of Pope John XXIII 567: Wonderful deeds of the rural parish of Curio, who for thirty years in the tribunal of Penance so numerous a crowd gathered, that he was called by some, out of contempt, "as if a disturber of the common people of the nineteenth century"; 72 nor do we deem it necessary to speak of all the particular reasons by which he fulfilled his office, and which cannot always be adapted to our times. Regarding the matter, it is only necessary to mention that this Cletus, in his time, was an example of pastoral study in a humble parish, who still maintained the teachings of the Christian faith and morals, despite the turmoil of the French Revolution. He received this command before entering into his parochial duties: "You will find little love of God in that parish; see that you stir it up." 73 When he proved himself to be an indefatigable worker of God, astute and discerning in attracting young people and conforming families to Christian morals, diligently concerned about the human needs of his flock, living near them in the same manner of life, and so prepared for all kinds of cares and labors that Christian schools were established and sacred missions were held for the people: all these things show that St. John Vianney truly embodied in himself the image of a good shepherd among the small flock entrusted to him, who knows his sheep, turns them away from dangers, and governs them with firmness and gentleness. He, indeed, unknowingly proclaimed his own praises, when speaking to the people, he once exclaimed: "O good shepherd! O shepherd, who completely responds to the commandments and vows of Jesus Christ! What greater benefit can the most benign God confer upon the parish?" 74 When the examples of this holy man, especially three points, should call us to mind, whose power and importance pertain to all times, we most earnestly desire, Venerable Brothers, to turn the intent of your minds to these. 72 Cf. Arch. Secret. Vat., t. 2 2 7, p. 629. 73 Cf. 74 Cf.

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Sermons, 1. c, t. 2, p. 86. Ibid., t. 227, p. 15.

[*Latin ed. p. 568*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale 568. It concerns us above all the estimation he held of the pastoral office. His humility was so great, and he so clearly understood, through faith, the value of the salvation of souls, that he could never undertake the duties of the parish without a sense of trepidation. "My friend," he would say to a certain colleague, revealing his feelings, "you do not know how terrible it is for a priest to be transferred from the care of souls to the judgment seat of God." 75. Furthermore, it is evident – as we have already said – that he, with the most fervent desires, wished to withdraw into solitude, and there to spend his miserable life, as he said, properly atoning; and it is also clear that he was compelled solely by obedience and by concern for the salvation of others to return to the field of his apostolate. If, therefore, he felt this burden so heavily, that at times he seemed almost overwhelmed, the reason for this must be sought in the very great importance he attributed to his office and to the pastoral duties entrusted to him, which could only be accomplished with a strong spirit. Indeed, at the beginning of his pastoral ministry, he offered such humble prayers to Heaven: "My God, make it so that the sheep entrusted to me may return to the good pasture. Throughout the whole course of my life, I am ready to do whatever you may wish." 76. These fervent prayers were graciously heard by God, as he himself later confessed: "If, when I arrived in the parish of Ars, the pains that suddenly afflicted me had been known to me, I would certainly have been killed by fear and would have fled immediately." 77. Following in the footsteps of all the Apostles of all times, he knew well that he could most effectively contribute to the salvation of those entrusted to his care through the Cross. For their sake, he patiently endured, without complaint, all kinds of calumnies, prejudices, and adversities; for their sake, he willingly accepted the most grievous bodily and spiritual sufferings that he experienced daily.

[*Latin ed. p. 569*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 569. The administration of the Sacraments, almost never interrupted for thirty years; for these, he fought, like a soldier of Christ, against the infernal enemies; and finally, he subjected his own body to voluntary suffering in service to them. In this matter, his most common response to that priest, who had told him that his apostolic efforts were yielding meager fruit in Le Conquet, was: "Have you offered fervent prayers to God? Have you wept, lamented, and sighed? Have you also added fasting, vigils, penances, and corporal mortifications? Until you have done these things, do not think that you have experienced everything."

Our thoughts turn again to the sacred ministers, to whom the care of souls is entrusted, and we earnestly implore them to perceive the profound

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meaning contained in these weighty words. Let each one, guided by that supernatural prudence by which all our actions should be conformed, reflect on the manner of his own life, to see whether it is such as is demanded by the pastoral solicitude owed to the faithful entrusted to him. Confident in the unfailing assistance of God, who will never abandon human weakness, let the sacred ministers consider the burdens and duties they have undertaken, and let them look to St. John Vianney as a mirror. "It is a great misfortune for us priests," this saint declared, "when the spirit languishes from idleness and weariness"; with these words, he spoke of the detrimental habit of mind of those pastors who are already scarcely touched by the sight of the countless sheep entrusted to them, wallowing in the filth of sin. Indeed, if they strive to imitate the Arsiene priest, to whom it was so "evident that people must be loved in order that we may do them good," let those same priests examine themselves to see with what charity they love those whose care God has entrusted to them, and for whom Christ died! Without a doubt, human freedom and the events that do not depend on human will must be taken into account; nevertheless, even the efforts of the most holy men are sometimes frustrated.

[*Latin ed. p. 570*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 570. Nevertheless, the priest must remember that, according to the secret designs of Divine Providence, the eternal fate of many people is inextricably linked to his own pastoral care and the examples of his priestly life. Surely, the power of such a consideration is so great that it can profitably stir up the indolent and incite zealous workers of Christ to even greater endeavors? For, as tradition recounts, "he was always ready to meet the needs of souls," 80 St. John Vianney, as a good shepherd, excellently fulfilled this, abundantly providing his flock with the nourishment of Christian truth. Truly, at every time of his life, he was a sacred preacher and a master of catechesis. To be prepared for this task, which is the first and greatest duty proclaimed by the Council of Trent, all know how diligently and constantly he devoted himself to it. For, the curriculum of studies, completed in his advanced age, was certainly a burden to him; and the first sermons given to the people required many sleepless nights. How much they can learn from this example in the administration of the Word of God! Indeed, there are those who, having almost abandoned all concern for study, too easily seek an excuse for their shortcomings in the supposed limitations of their knowledge. Rather, they should set before them the example of the steadfastness of spirit with which the Curé of Ars made himself worthy of this great ministry, despite his natural talents: which, it must be said, were not so meager as popular opinion suggests, given his mental clarity and sound judgment. 81 Furthermore, men of the sacred order should acquire the common knowledge of human affairs and that store of sacred doctrine

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which is suitable to their talents and their office. And may pastors of souls devote so much effort to this matter, 80 Cf. Arch. Secret. Vat., vol. 227, p. 580. 80 Cf. Ibid., vol. 3897, p. 444.

[*Latin ed. p. 571*]

From the Acts of Pope John XXIII, 571: How much effort the Arsiensis Curio put forth to overcome the difficulties of learning, to strengthen his memory, and especially to draw knowledge from the Cross of the Lord, which is the greatest of all books. For this reason, his own Bishop responded to certain detractors: "I do not know if he is learned; nevertheless, he shines with heavenly light."

82 Therefore, rightfully and meritoriously, our blessed predecessor, Pope Pius XII, did not hesitate to present this country priest, Curio, as a humble example to the sacred orators of the City: "The Arsiensis Curio was by no means endowed with the innate eloquence with which Fathers Segneri or Blessed Bossuet excelled. But those luminous ideas, which were living, clear, and profound in his mind, were conveyed in the sound of his voice, shone forth from the gaze of his eyes, and presented to the minds and senses of the listeners apt, appropriate, and delightful notions, images, and comparisons, which could have captivated even Saint Francis de Sales himself. These are the orators who win the hearts of the faithful. He who is full of Christ easily finds the means and the ways by which he may lead others to Christ."

83 With these words, the Arsiensis Curio is depicted as a master of catechesis and a sacred orator in a remarkable way. And when, as his earthly life drew to a close, his voice could no longer reach those listening, but with a burning gaze, with tears and groans testifying to divine love, with signs of deep sorrow, even when the thought of his own faults entered his mind, he turned the faithful who surrounded his chair towards good. How could all not be deeply moved, when such a life, wholly dedicated to Christ, shone so clearly before them?

Until his most blessed death, Saint John Vianney remained steadfast in his duty of teaching, whether caring for the faithful entrusted to him, or for the pious visitors who frequented his dwelling.

[*Latin ed. p. 572*]

Acts of the Apostolic See 572, Official Commentary, pious. While denouncing "opportune, importunately" all evils, under whatever hidden form, and especially while elevating the minds to God; for "He preferred to demonstrate the beauty of virtue, rather than to reveal the deformities of vice."

Indeed, this humble priest fully understood the dignity and grandeur of the ministry of the Word of God. "Our Lord," he said, "who is Himself the Truth, esteems His Word no less than His Body." Therefore, it is easily

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understood that Our Predecessors were greatly pleased when they judged that the leaders of the Christian people should imitate such an example; for it is certainly of great importance that the sacred clergy diligently exercise the duty of teaching. "This," says St. Pius X concerning this matter, "is what must be pursued and urged above all: that no priest should be held to a more important office, nor bound by a closer bond."

Therefore, this admonition, which Our Predecessors reiterated with firm constancy, and which is also inserted in the prescriptions of the Code of Canon Law 87, we again address to you, Venerable Brothers, on the solemn occasion of the anniversary of St. Arsenius, catechist and orator. In this regard, we encourage the studies, in which, under your auspices and guidance, many regions are diligently and prudently engaged, so that the religious instruction, suitable for both young and adult ages, and adapted to the various circumstances of places, may continue to improve. These endeavors are indeed useful; but, while this secular commemoration is celebrated, may God reveal with new light the wonderful power of the apostolic spirit, to which all things yield, of this priest, who, through his words and the works of his life, gave witness to Christ crucified "And my speech and my preaching was not in the persuasive words of human wisdom. but in shewing of the Spirit and power:"

[*Latin ed. p. 573*]

It remains for us to recall the pastoral ministry of Saint John Vianney, which throughout the long span of his life was a constant, as if a martyrdom, and in which the administration of the Sacrament of Penance shone with particular merit, producing abundant and salutary fruits. "He patiently received those who confessed to him for almost fifteen hours every day. This great labor began early in the morning and continued until late at night."

However, five days before his death, weakened by fatigue, his strength failed him, and those who were about to die approached his bedside. The number of those who sought to see him each year at the end of his life is said to have reached eighty thousand.

It is scarcely possible to comprehend the hardships, the discomforts, the bodily sufferings of this man, who for an interminable length of time attended to the sacred duties of receiving confessions in the tribunal of Penance, especially since he was worn out by fasts, macerations, infirmities, vigils, and the deprivation of sleep. But above all, he was tormented by the sorrows of the soul. Hear the lamenting voices: "So many sins are committed against God, which sometimes move us to the very end of this world! ... The town of Ars must be visited, so that the gravity and the almost infinite multitude of sins may be known... What is to be done, alas, we do not know; we think that nothing else can be done except to weep and to offer prayers to God."

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Furthermore, this saint could add that he willingly took upon himself a part of the expiation for others. Indeed, to those who consulted him about this matter, he replied: "I impose only a small burden of penance on those who confess their sins properly; the rest, I perform in their stead."

Indeed, Saint John Vianney, "miserable sinners," as...

[*Latin ed. p. 574*]

The *Acta Apostolicae Sedis*, in its official commentary 574, stated that he always kept before his eyes and in his heart the hope that he might see those to whom he ministered finally turn to God and shed tears for the wrong they had committed. All his cares and thoughts were directed towards this, and it was also related to the work to which he devoted all his time and almost all his strength.

92. Through his experience and practice in the sacred Tribunal of Penance, where he loosened the bonds of the guilty, he understood how deeply malice was rooted in sin and how devastating the ruin that sin brought to the souls of men. He was accustomed to depict this in vivid colors: "If we, endowed with faith, were to contemplate the soul utterly stained by mortal sin, we would be seized with terror."

93. To increase the power of his words and the force of his sorrow, the punishments of hell, impressed upon the minds of those entangled in sin, were less effective than the anguish caused by divine love, or by neglect and oblivion, or by an offense against God. This persistence in wickedness and this ingratitude towards God's goodness caused abundant tears to flow from his eyes. "My friend," he said, "I weep because you do not weep."

94. On the contrary, with how much kindness he exerted himself to raise the spirits of sinners, compelling them to hope for good things through penance. He spared no labors to offer himself to them as a minister of divine mercy; and these, as he himself expressed it, "like a river overflowing, draw all souls along with them."

95. And just as a mother's heart beats with love, "for God grants forgiveness more quickly than a mother rescues her child from the fire."

96. Let those who guide souls be encouraged by the examples of Arsiensis, and let them dedicate themselves to this office of such great importance, being eager and properly instructed, for it is there that divine mercy finally triumphs over human wickedness, and it is there that, cleansed of their sins, men are reconciled with God. They should remember.

[*Latin ed. p. 575*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 575, also state that, according to the words of Our Predecessor, the blessed and revered Pope Pius XII, the opinion of those who diminish the frequent use of the Sacrament of Penance, when dealing with venial sins, is to be condemned; for this Supreme Pontiff decreed: "In order that, with greater eagerness each day, progress may be

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made along the path of virtue, We most earnestly commend that pious practice, inspired by the Holy Spirit and introduced by the Church, of frequent confession." Furthermore, We are entirely confident that the sacred ministers will, above all others, faithfully observe the prescriptions of Canon Law, which prescribe that the Sacrament of Penance, so necessary for the attainment of sanctity, be frequently and devoutly received; and that they will, as is fitting, give the greatest attention and application to those exhortations which Our Predecessor, with a sorrowful heart, imparted on this matter, not once, but repeatedly. As these Encyclical Letters of Ours approach their conclusion, We desire to assure you, Venerable Brothers, that We are held by the sweetest hope that these solemnities will, with divine grace, greatly increase the zeal of all priests to carry out the sacred ministry with greater fervor, and especially "to fulfill their primary priestly duty, namely, the care of their own sanctity." With this glory of the Supreme Pontificate, to which We have been raised by the mysterious counsel of God, whether We turn Our attention to the hopes and expectations of souls, or to the many regions of the world that have not yet been illuminated by the light of the Gospel, or finally, to the countless needs of the Christian people, the image of the priest is always before Our eyes. If the priest were to be lacking, or if he were to fail in his daily duties, the apostolic endeavors would be hindered.

[*Latin ed. p. 576*]

576 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale: Quid prodest, et quid prodest, omnia, etiam ea quae videntur maxime idonea ad praesentem aevum, si non adiuvant? Quid valet, vel ipsi viri ex ordine laicorum, qui animo generoso adiuvant in apostolatu? Igitur, omnes sacrorum ministros, quos Nos tam valde amamus et in quibus Ecclesia tam grande spem posuit, hos sacerdotes, Iesu Christi nomine et animo paterno appellamus, ut, summa fide, praestent omnia quae ab ipsa ecclesiasticae dignitatis gravitas exagit. Huic appellationi Nostrae vim addeant haec sapientissima verba S. Pii X: « Ad Regnum Iesu Christi in orbe promovendum, nihil est plus necessarium, quam sanctimonia virorum ecclesiasticorum, ut exemplo, verbis, doctrina christifidelibus praeinsint ». Hoc quidem cohaeret cum verbis S. Ioannis M. Vianney, prolatis coram Episcopo suo: « Si vis Dioecesim totam ad Deum converti, oportet omnes curatores sancti fieri ». Vobis autem, Venerabiles Fratres, in quos potissimum grave onus sanctitudinis cleri vestri recedit, hos dilectissimos filios enixe commendamus, ut, difficultatibus interdum gravibus, quibus vel eorum vita vel munera explenda premitur, solliciti obviam eatis. Quid efficere non valet Episcopus, qui clerum suae vigilantiae creditum adamat, sibi devinctum habet, revera cognoscit, adsidua cura prosequitur, forti ac paterno animo moderatur? Si universae dioecesis pastoralis sollicitudo vobis incumbit, tamen singularis cura gerenda est, eorum, quos in sacro ordine constitutos, muneris vestri

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tam proximos adiutores habetis, et tam sacris vinculis vobismetipsis consociatos sentitis. Christifidelibus etiam universis paternas adhortationes adhibere volumus, saecularis huius celebritatis opportunitatem nacti, ut pro sacerdotibus suis instantes ad Deum admoveant preces, atque adeo ad ipsorum sanctimoniam iuvandam, pro sua cuiusque parte, conferant auxilium. Multa hodie cum spe ex...

[*Latin ed. p. 577*]

Acta Ioannis P. XXIII, 577, and those who excel in piety, turn their eyes and hearts to their priests. For in this time, when everywhere abound the dominion of money, the allurements of the senses, and the excessive esteem of technical disciplines, they desire to see a man who speaks in the name of God, a man who is strengthened by faith, and who, as if forgetting himself, burns with charity. Therefore, let all understand that they can greatly contribute to helping the ministers of the sacred rites attain this lofty goal, if only they show due reverence to the priestly dignity, if they consider with appropriate esteem the pastoral work and its difficulties, and if, finally, they offer them zealous and active assistance. However, we must, in a special way, turn our attention to the young people of paternum, whom we embrace with such fervent love, and in whose endeavors the Church places its hope for the future. The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few. 102 How many in the regions proclaim the Gospel truth, eagerly awaiting those who will assist them. There are many people who are miserably languishing, hungering more for heavenly than for earthly nourishment! Who will bring them the heavenly food of life and truth? We are certainly confident that the young people of our age, no less than in past times, will generously respond to the invitation of the Divine Master, to contribute to this necessary cause. Indeed, priests are often involved in difficult circumstances. This is not surprising; for the enemies of the Church first attack the ministers of the sacred rites with hostility, because, as the Arsiensis Curio himself confessed, those who seek to destroy religion first incite hatred against priests. Nevertheless, even in these most serious difficulties, great and true happiness arises for priests who are zealous in their devotion to religion, from the awareness of their own duty, when they know that they are... 2 Cf. .37 - ACTA, MATTH. IX, vol. I, n. 37. 11. - 22-8-1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 578*]

578 Acta Apostolicae Sedis ●- The Official Commentary, so that they may dedicate themselves to the service of this most holy cause, which indeed pertains to the redemption of souls and to the growth of the Mystical Body of Christ. Therefore, Christian families should consider it a most important duty to offer priests to the Church; and so, with a joyful and grateful spirit, they should dedicate their sons to the sacred ministry. But since this

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exhortation of Ours also deeply moves your hearts, Venerable Brothers, it is not necessary to dwell on it further. For we are certain that you fully understand the concern of Our heart and the power of Our exhortation, and that you will participate in the work. In the meantime, we entrust this matter of such great importance to the intercession of St. John Vianney, to whom the salvation of countless souls is joined, as is most fitting. We also turn our eyes to the Most Blessed Virgin, who, from the very beginning, has been free from every stain. Not long before the venerable Curé of Ars completed the long course of his life, laden with heavenly merits, he distinguished himself in another region of Galliae by showing himself to an innocent and humble girl, so that through her he might invite people to the study of prayer and Christian penance; that august voice, which even after a full century still pierces hearts, resounds far and wide, as if into the immensity. Indeed, the things that were done and said by that priest, raised to the honors of the heavenly Saints, whose annual commemoration we celebrate, were illuminated by a certain heavenly light, revealing supernatural truths that were made manifest in the innocent girl of the Lapurdian region. For he, who with the most religious devotion served the Virgin Mary, conceived without stain, dedicated a parish church to the Immaculate Conception in the year 1836, and, with the highest affection of piety and joy, in the year 1854, he reverently accepted the Catholic dogma, by which such a truth is sanctioned by infallible judgment. *» Cf. Arch. Secret. Vat., vol. 2, p. 7, p. 90. 103.

[*Latin ed. p. 579*]

Acta of Pope John XXIII, 579. Therefore, joining these two secular commemorations, which pertain to Lapurdum and the town of Arsiense, to the most deserved actions of thanksgiving due to the highest God, greatly honor our most beloved Nation, which boasts of having those most holy places within its bosom. Remembering so many benefits and strengthened by faith, confident that new good things will come to us and to the entire Church, we borrow that prayer which was so frequently uttered by the holy Arsiensi [priest]: "Blessed be the most holy and immaculate Conception of the most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Let all nations praise, let all lands invoke and proclaim your Immaculate Heart." 104. We are very confident that this secular commemoration of St. John M. Vianney will everywhere on earth stir up pious zeal, both in priests and in those who are called by divine impulse to receive the priesthood, and will also make all the faithful more active in providing for those things which pertain to the life and ministry of priests; to each and every one of you, Venerable Brothers, we impart the Apostolic Blessing, which brings together the heavenly graces and is a witness of Our benevolence, bestowed with abundant charity. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the first day of the month of August, in the year 1959, in the first year of Our pontificate. JOHN PP. XXIII. m Cf.

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Arch. Secret. Vat., vol. 227, p. 1021.

[*Latin ed. p. 580*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 580 APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTIONS I. CHANGANACHERRENSIS AND OTHER DIOCESES. ((CHANGANACHERRENSIS)) ELEVATED TO THE RANK OF ARCHDIOCESE! NEW PROVINCE ESTABLISHED. JOHN, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, for the perpetual memory of the Kingdom of Heaven, that is, the Church, which, by the very words of Christ, has been likened to a grain of mustard seed, a very small seed indeed, but one filled with the greatest hope, has, by the grace of God and the labor of the Apostles, spread so widely that there is now no people, nation, or tribe which Christian faith has not renewed, no people which the bright light of truth has not illuminated, no nation which the power of the evangelical preaching has not aided. Since this has happened in a particular way in the region of India, which is called Kerala, Pope Pius XII, our venerable Predecessor, decided and decreed that new dioceses should be established in that place, for the benefit of the Christian faithful of the Chaldean-Malabar rite. Therefore, with the agreement of our venerable Brother, the Most Reverend Cardinal Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Churches, and with our own apostolic authority, after the consent of those who have some right in this matter has been obtained, and in order to bring about the outcome that our Predecessor decreed, we hereby enact and decree the following: We elevate the Diocese of Changanacherry to the rank of Archdiocese, with the rights and honors, burdens and obligations, that pertain to such Churches; at the same time, we establish a new ecclesiastical province, of which the seat of Changanacherry will be the head, and the suffragan dioceses will be Palai and Kottayam. The Ordinary of this Archdiocese, whether he be the first or his successors, will have all the rights and obligations proper to that dignity. Among the privileges, we wish to include the following: he will be able, within the boundaries of the province, to carry the Cross before him, and to use the Pallium, provided that he obtains it in a public Consistory. Furthermore, all these things which we have commanded will be carried out by our beloved Son, Valerian, Most Reverend Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, or by someone whom he may delegate, and a document attesting to this will be issued.

[*Latin ed. p. 581*]

The acts of Pope John XXII, dated 581, concerning the writing of [documents], of which true copies will be promptly sent to the Holy Congregation for the Eastern Church. We wish these letters to be and to remain effective now and in the future; so that those to whom they pertain may religiously observe what has been decreed therein, and thus may they obtain

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their full force. No prescriptions of any kind whatsoever can impede the effectiveness of these letters, since through these very letters we abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that such action be declared entirely null and void. Furthermore, no one is permitted to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a man established in ecclesiastical dignity, and which have been signed by a public notary, shall be held to be entirely valid, just as if they were the original documents. Whoever in any way disregards or rejects Our decrees in general, let him know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law, for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the tenth day of the month of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-ninth, in the first year of Our pontificate.

For the Holy Father:

DOMINICUS E.

Cardinal, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Eastern Church.

Secretis: Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancellor.

Bernardus De Felicis, Protonotary Apostolic.

Caesar Federici, Protonotary Apostolic.

Loco: [Illegible]

In Cane. Ap. tal., vol. XCIX, n. 78.

[*Latin ed. p. 582*]

582 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary II CUSCHENSI (SIOUANENSIS): A new vicariate, detached from the archdiocese of Cuzco, is established, to be called "nullius" (exempt), and to be named Sicuani. JOHN, Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God, desiring to promote the interests of the entire Church in the most suitable manner, and to provide for the needs of all the faithful through more appropriate divisions of dioceses, has received the petitions of the venerable Brother Francis Lardone, Archbishop with the title of Rhazaean and Apostolic Nuncio in the Republic of Peru, who requested that, after a thorough division of the territory of the archdiocese of Cuzco, a new "nullius" vicariate be established there. Having therefore heard the opinion of the venerable Brother Charles Maria Jürgens Byrne, Archbishop of Cuzco, and with the consent of those who have any right in this matter, We, with Our supreme authority, decree and order the following: We separate from the archdeacon of Cuzco the entire territory of the civil provinces commonly called Canchis, Canas, Espinar, and Chumbivileas; and from these, We

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establish a new "nullius" vicariate, to be called Sicuani, and to be bounded by the same limits as the civil provinces from which it is formed. Therefore, the boundaries of this new "nullius" vicariate shall be as follows: to the north, the archdiocese of Cuzco; to the east, the diocese of Puno; to the south, the archdiocese of Arequipa; to the west, the diocese of Abancay. We desire that the seat of the Church and the residence of the Ordinary of the vicariate be located in the city of Sicuani, and that the temple of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which exists in that city and has been thoroughly inspected, be raised to the dignity of the cathedral of the vicariate. We grant to the Ordinary and to the vicariate the rights and privileges that are proper to such ecclesiastical jurisdictions and their churches; and We also impose upon the Ordinary the obligations and duties by which other prelates of the same rank are bound. We make this "nullius" vicariate a suffragan of the metropolitan Church of Cuzco, and its Ordinary shall be subject to the Archbishop of Cuzco. Furthermore, it is of great importance to train young men for the priesthood.

[*Latin ed. p. 583*]

We command that those called to the priesthood be properly prepared and educated; therefore, we order that the Ordinary Prelate, as soon as possible, establish at least an elementary seminary, in accordance with the laws and regulations of common law and those promulgated by the Holy Council concerning Seminaries and Universities. From this, chosen young men shall be sent to the city, to the Pontifical College of the Americas, so that they may be instructed in philosophical and theological disciplines. Concerning the clergy, we decree that as soon as the Prelature of Sicuani is established, priests of the Church shall be considered assigned to that territory, retaining legitimately a benefice or ecclesiastical office therein; other clerics, however, shall be considered to reside legitimately within that territory. The prelate's table, which they call, shall be constituted from the revenues of the Curia, from alms freely given by the faithful, from a grant conceded by civil authority, and from a suitable portion of the goods of the archdiocese of Cusco, which will accrue to the new prelature according to the norm of canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law. Concerning the administration of the prelature, of religious affairs, and of temporal goods, and other matters of this kind, we command that those things be observed which the sacred canons prescribe. Furthermore, we wish that all documents and records, which pertain to the prelature and its clergy and faithful, and to its temporal goods, be transmitted from the Curia of the archdiocese of Cusco to the Curia of Sicuani, in order to establish a diligently preserved archive. The venerable Brother Francis Lardone, whom we have mentioned, will see to it that these things are carried out by these letters, to whom we certainly grant all the faculties and powers necessary and appropriate for carrying out the aforementioned matters, which he

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may delegate to any person, provided that he is constituted in an ecclesiastical dignity. And we impose upon him the duty of drawing up the acts of the matter and sending true copies to the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory. If, at the time of execution, another presides over our Nunciature in the Republic of Peru, he will take care to carry out our orders. We wish these letters to be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those things which have been decreed by them shall be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their force. Nothing, of any kind, contrary to the effectiveness of these letters shall be able to prevail, except insofar as we derogate from them by these same letters. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person constituted in an ecclesiastical dignity, and which are also signed by a public notary, shall have the same force as if they were presented, as these letters themselves.

[*Latin ed. p. 584*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 584. Our decrees, in their entirety, if anyone should either despise or in any way condemn them, let him know that he will incur the penalties established by law, those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the tenth day of the month of January, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, in the first year of Our Pontificate. For the Holy Roman Church, DOMINICUS Card. TARDINI, Secretary; MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI, Secretary. From the public affairs of the Sacred Congregation Consistorial, Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancellor; Franciscus Hannibal Ferretti, Protonotary Apostolic; Bernardus De Felicis, Protonotary Apostolic. In the Apostolic Archives, table, volume XCJX, number 68. ADDRESSES I To the Most Excellent Sir, Nobusuke Kishi, President of the Supreme Council for Public Administration in Japan. * Monsieur le Premier Ministre, We are pleased to welcome Your Excellency today to Our Residence and to greet in Your person a Nation so justly renowned for the number of its sons, their subtle intelligence, their remarkable abilities in the field of technology, and their tenacious will in the pursuit of the goals they have set for themselves. To these qualities inherent in the Japanese people, are added, through a happy generosity of Heaven, the great distinction of their manners, their sense of family, and the profound respect for their noble traditions. At a moment when the joyful echo of the enthusiasm that gathered the sons of Japan in a unanimous surge on the occasion of the marriage of His Imperial Highness the Prince, it pleases Us to recall * Held

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[*Latin ed. p. 585*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 585: To Your Excellency, we have not remained indifferent to the joy of a people dear to us, concerning the reception of the Crown Prince, who was received some years ago by His Holiness Pope Pius XI of venerable memory. As Successor to that eminent Pope – and we know the great prestige that man of peace enjoyed among your compatriots – and as Spiritual Head of the Catholic Church, whose faithful are spread throughout the world, we wish to emphasize the welcome that Christianity encountered long ago in the land of Japan, as well as the venerable vestiges that it left there. To this ancient epic is linked the name of the holy Apostle of the Far East, Francis Xavier. Thanks to the labors of that pioneer of the Gospel and his successors, the Christian seed took root in certain Japanese souls so deeply that the priests of Jesus Christ, when they set foot again on Japanese soil exactly a century ago, found with emotion a Christianity faithfully transmitted from generation to generation. But nowadays, what maturity is manifested by the Catholic works, so full of vigor and promise! Our Catholic sons of Japan today form quite considerable communities and are noted – as we have just received with paternal satisfaction the kind testimony of Your Excellency – not only by their loyalty and fidelity to national institutions, but also by the zeal displayed in the cause of education, by the vitality of their social and charitable initiatives, and finally by the generosity of their medical and hospital endeavors. All this activity is the practical application of the lessons drawn from the Gospel, and at the same time, the fruit of the ardent desire that Japanese Catholics have to contribute to the ever-greater prosperity of their homeland and to be counted among its most devoted children. We therefore wish, Mr. Prime Minister, that you carry away from this visit, which was so pleasant to us, the fervent wishes that we sincerely offer for His Majesty Emperor Hirohito and the Imperial Family, for yourself, and for the noble Japanese people, upon whom we gladly invoke the abundance of divine blessings.

[*Latin ed. p. 586*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 586 II. To those who attended the Congress held in Rome from all nations, concerning assistance to those deprived of sight.

*Beloved Sons, in welcoming you to Our House, We are deeply moved. We extend a particularly warm welcome to you of the Italian Union of the Blind, and to the delegates from 46 nations, gathered here in Rome for the World Congress of the Organization for the Social Protection of the Blind. Your numerous assembly, so different from all others that We receive, evokes in Our paternal heart, open to all the joys and all the sorrows of Our children, a profound feeling of Christian charity, and a special

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affection for you. We would like to welcome you with the same care that Jesus showed, whose earthly journey was marked by constant, beneficial encounters with the suffering, among whom the blind held a special place. Oh, what moving passages are found in the Gospel, when the miraculous healings of these individuals are recounted! Oh, blessed pages of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which the Church often uses throughout the liturgical year. They depict, with the colors of hope and mercy, the encounters of Christ with His beloved; His gestures filled with love, with which He removed from their eyes the painful veil of material blindness, and flooded their spirit with true light, and the soul with peace with God! And what strikes the mind and heart in those narratives, so vivid and effective, is the faith that elicited the miracle from Jesus. You also, beloved sons, have faith. We have heard it in your words. Indeed, more than other of Our children, you can feel and spiritually see in Us who speak to you, the same Jesus, whom He willed to be His Vicar on earth, because in you, nothing that is visible obscures the spiritual ideas suggested by faith. In His name, We desire today to offer you at least that comfort, which Our paternal solicitude allows Us to give you, and which you await with such hope. And We tell you that your suffering is something to be offered; a mission to be accomplished; for a goal to be reached. * July 29, 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 587*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 587, 1) A suffering to be offered. It would be futile to conceal the state of discomfort and difficulty in which you find yourselves. In a world where, at times, only physical attributes and the brilliance of fine appearances suffice to open a path, or where, at the very least, one must possess strength of body and spirit to find work, a profession, or a means of support, you have often been able to experience, more than others, bitterness, disappointments, and discouragements. Perhaps you have also felt alone in a world that seemed to ignore you. You may have shed tears of despair, known only to God, who sees all things, and to your intimates, who share with you the pains of your misfortune. We know, it is true, that society seeks to assist you with various forms of aid; and that, above all, the commendable Organization for the Social Protection of the Blind dedicates itself to numerous endeavors, to raise you to ever more worthy living conditions, providing work, activities, and means of culture and progress, according to the spirit of the times. These efforts receive all of Our paternal approval and encouragement, and We are pleased to seize this present opportunity to earnestly exhort public authorities, and all those who can, to increasingly meet your just needs. But even in ideal living conditions, the presence of your painful infirmity remains for you. We invite you, dear children, to continually offer this to the Lord, as incense that rises with a sweet fragrance before His face. According to the words of the Apostle, we must complete what was lacking in His Passion. Therefore,

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in the plan of Redemption, the Lord needs your daily offering, made with serenity of spirit and with conscious responsibility, to continue His work and to save souls.

2) This is the mission that you must fulfill: a silent and beneficial apostolate; an apostolate of example. In life, as you know, it is not the noise that is made, nor the things that are seen, but the love with which one fulfills the will of God that matters. According to the golden words of *The Imitation of Christ*: "Truly great is he who has great charity. Truly great is he who is humble in his sentiments, and who places no value on the greatness of honors. Truly prudent is he who considers the things of this earth as refuse, in order to gain Christ." When one has these convictions, then one enjoys the true light, that which illuminates, because it opens horizons to eternity. How many have sight and do not see!

[*Latin ed. p. 588*]

How much is lost through petty concerns and the miseries of life, when one forgets God, the soul, and virtue, and the heart is immersed in the darkness of death! The tears of Jesus, shed over Jerusalem, make us understand the one thing that is necessary: "If thou hadst known, even thou, in this thy day, the things that are for thy peace, but now they are hidden from thy eyes!" Courage, therefore, beloved children! Your faith tells us that the most precious light, which never fades, is your cherished inheritance, which sustains you in your struggles and difficulties! Be generous in the mission that awaits you; act in charity and peace, knowing that nothing is lost on earth that is accomplished in accordance with the will of God. Finally, you have a goal to reach: eternal life, promised to all men of good will. We had the opportunity to say to those who participated in the pilgrimage of the blind Belgians that Christian hope is based on the words of Jesus: "He who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Every morning, in the Mass, the sweet words of the Psalm resound: "Sent forth thy light and thy truth: they have conducted me, and brought me unto thy holy hill, and into thy tabernacles." This prayer can well be applied to you who do not enjoy the material light of the eyes. If, in the designs of Divine Providence, you are compelled to live with the aid of human solidarity, it is clear and certain that the divine disposition is such that your life here is transformed into preparation and pledge for attaining, one day, the great light, which is not that of earthly things, sometimes so attractive, but the light emanating from the glorious Christ. He, with his grace, is with the suffering and awaits them in his eternal splendors. With these words of hope, we renew the expression of our deepest affection for you; and we give you the assurance – which is so dear to us – that you hold a special place in our thoughts, and that your aspirations, your sorrows, and your hopes are the object of our daily prayer for you. And as a pledge of the heavenly consolations that we invoke abundantly upon you, upon

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your families, particularly upon your children and those who support and assist you, we impart to you our Apostolic Blessing.

[*Latin ed. p. 590*]

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ACTA of the Sacred Congregations

SACRED CONGREGATION FOR THE RITES

Regarding the Beatification or Declaration of Martyrdom of the Servants of God, Salvator Lilli, a Priest of the Order of Friars Minor, and his companions, who, as is reported, were killed in hatred of the Faith.

ON THE QUESTION of whether a commission should be appointed for the introduction of the Cause, in this case and for the purpose in question.

The illustrious Seraphic Family, replete with the fruits of holiness, has flourished without interruption in the Church. Among the blessed in the glory of the Heavenly Saints, many are counted as martyrs, who have shed their blood for the propagation of the Faith or for the defense of the rights of the Church, so that the kingdom of Christ may be increased day by day. Many others are still striving in the arena, that they may be adorned with the crown of glory. Among these is Salvator Lilli, no less a defender of the Faith than he is renowned for the martyrdom he suffered, who, within the boundaries of the Vicariate Apostolic of Alep, together with ten other companions, shed his blood valiantly for the defense of the Faith.

Born in Cappadocia, in the village of Apruti, on the 19th of June in the year 1853, of humble parentage, Salvator, orphaned in his youth, received the first elements of education from a pious priest, with whom he made great progress in studies and virtue. Perceiving with firmness the signs of his religious vocation, on the 24th of June in the year 1870, he entered the Order of the Friars Minor. After duly completing his novitiate and having made his simple vows, on the solemn day of August 6th in the year 1874, he made his solemn profession. He then devoted himself to philosophical and theological studies in the City [Rome], and completed his course of studies in the Holy Land, where, on April 6th in the year 1878, he was ordained to the sacred Order of the Priesthood. He immediately began to exert his energies for the good of souls, and whether as a religious, or as superior of the house and parish of Murase, and later of the town of Mujuk-Deresi, he displayed apostolic zeal. He did not merely...

[*Latin ed. p. 591*]

The Sacred Congregation of Rites, in its 591st session, has been a diligent guardian, pastor, and defender in all matters, but also shone with extraordinary charity towards children, the poor, and the sick; it treated schismatics and Mohammedans with great kindness, assisting

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them with benefits, and striving to lead them to the Catholic faith. While the servant of God displayed such charity, the Turks, in the year 1895, under a frivolous pretext, attacked Christians in the town of Marasc, inciting hatred against the faith. With the outbreak of civil war, Catholics, among the Armenians and Muslims, were caught in the conflict. The parish priest, despite being offered refuge by his parishioners twice, firmly refused to save himself, but instead requested assistance from the civil authorities to stop the bloodshed. However, soldiers arrived at the hospice, and although they were received kindly, they cruelly wounded the servant of God, and afterwards, bound him with ropes along with ten local Christians, and near the Keur-Soulou river, after repeatedly urging him to renounce the Christian religion and embrace Islamism, they murdered him and burned his body on November 22, 1895. Accompanying the Savior Lilli to the palm of martyrdom were Baldji Oghlou Ohannes, Cogià Oglan? Oghlou Khacir, Khodianin Oghlou Kadir, Kouradji Oghlou Zeroun, Dimbalac Oghlou Wartavar, Tachdji Oghlou Levon, Jeremia, the servant of Father Salvator, David Oghlou David, Toros, the brother of David, and Vanes Oghlou Simon. Concerning the fame of the martyrdom, which still persists, an inquiry was conducted by the ordinary in the years 1930-32 in the Vicariate Apostolic of Alep, and a rogatory process was held in Rome, Paris, Naples, Santiago de Compostela, and Persia. All of these were brought to Rome, presented to the Sacred Congregation of Rites. Subsequently, in due order, after the documents were examined, revised, and approved, and since nothing hindered proceeding further, at the urgent request of the Reverend Father Anthony Cairoli, the most astute general promoter of the Order of Friars Minor, and after examining the supporting letters of numerous Cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops of the Holy Roman Church, as well as the General Superiors of Orders and Congregations, and certain noble men, the Most Eminent and Reverend Lord Frederick Cardinal Tedeschini, Bishop of Tusculanus, the Promoter of this Cause, in the Ordinary Sessions of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, held in the Vatican on January 27th of the past month, proposed the following question for discussion: Whether a commission should be appointed to initiate the cause, in this case and for the purpose in question. And the Most Eminent and Reverend Fathers, Prefects of the Sacred Rites, after the report of the aforementioned Promoter, having heard and considered the votes of the Official Prelates, especially the Reverend Father D. Silvius Romanus, the General Promoter of the Holy Faith, - after careful deliberation, they decided to write:

[*Latin ed. p. 592*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 592 Affirmative, or to indicate that the Commission is to be approved, if it pleases the Most Holy. Concerning all of the above, these matters were presented to His Holiness,

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Pope John XXIII, by the undersigned Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation for Sacred Rites. His Holiness, approving the judgment of the aforementioned Sacred Congregation, deigned benignly to ratify it, and also to sign the Commission for the introduction of the cause of the Servants of God, Salvator Lilli from Cappadocia and his companions, with his own hand. Given in Rome, on the 13th of February, in the year 1959. C. Card. CICOGNANI, Prefect. L. % S. Henry Dante, Pro-Secretary.

OFFICE AND MASS OF SAINT LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, Approved for use in this and all places.

The entire man was apostolic, powerful in action and a master in speech; Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Confessor, of the Order of the Brothers Minor Capuchins, renowned for his virtues and intellect, was placed among the celestial saints by the Supreme Pontiff, Pope Leo XIII; through his preaching, he especially strengthened the faith of countless souls, fostered piety, vigorously defended Catholic doctrine and the rights of the Roman Church, and effectively protected Christian society; and, in a fierce struggle against the errors of Protestantism, he proved to be an intrepid standard-bearer. His writings, recently published, are collected in fifteen large volumes, which contain sermons on various topics; namely, on the Blessed Virgin Mary, on the Seasons, on the Saints, on Advent, on Lent, and a commentary on Genesis. In these, the saint appears as an erudite preacher, a distinguished theologian, and a zealous apologist. Therefore, justly and deservedly, at the request of numerous Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church, Archbishops, Bishops, and Superiors of Religious Orders and Congregations, among whom is the Reverend Father General Administrator of the Order of the Brothers Minor Capuchins, and other learned men, His Holiness, Pope John XXIII, through Apostolic Letters in the form of a Brief, dated March 19, 1959, after consultation with the Congregation for Sacred Rites, declared Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Confessor, a Doctor of the Church, and granted that his feast day be observed on July 21st, with a double rite, with the Office and Mass of the Common.

[*Latin ed. p. 593*]

The Sacred Congregation of Rites, 593, in addition to the prayers and readings proper to the Second Nocturn, as shown in the attached example. Henceforth, the rubrics and other matters legally to be observed shall be observed. All contrary decrees to the contrary notwithstanding. July 8, 1959. C. Card. CICOGNANI, Prefect. L. S. Henricus Dante, Pro-Secretary.

July 21, the feast of Saint Lawrence, Confessor and Doctor of the Church, for Matins, in the Second Nocturn, Reading IV: Lawrence, born in Brundusium in Apulia, of honorable and pious parents, entered the Order of the Brothers Minor Capuchins as a young man, diligently studied philosophy and theology, and mastered many languages, both ancient and modern.

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Ordained a priest, he undertook the office of preaching, which he exercised indefatigably throughout almost all of Italy and other regions of Europe, with abundant fruit for souls. Ordered by the Supreme Pontiff to evangelize the Jews, he converted many of them to Christ; and either preserved many from heresy, or restored to the Catholic Church those who had already fallen into it.

Reading V: Endowed with singular prudence and the gift of counsel, he was appointed to govern first some religious provinces, and then the entire Order. Moreover, because of these very virtues, he was highly esteemed by the Supreme Pontiffs and by the rulers of nations, and was often employed by them for the most important embassies. And above all, his efforts resulted in Christian princes, laying aside their mutual animosities, uniting their forces against the invading Turkish hordes; with whom, joined by the Christian army in Hungary, and with Lawrence leading the way with the cross, encouraging the soldiers and commanders, he achieved a most celebrated victory, of which he himself was justly judged to be the principal author.

38 - ACTA, vol. I, n. 11. — 22-8-1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 594*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 594, Reading VI. Amidst so many and such important affairs, this virtuous man cultivated the virtues of a hero in a heroic manner. Whatever time he could spare from prayer, he wonderfully combined his inner life with external activity. Remembering the Passion of Christ and making it sacred, he was so moved that he could not restrain his tears; moreover, he loved the most Blessed Virgin, to whom he dedicated all his endeavors, uniquely. Finally, in Lisbon, where he had been sent as an ambassador from the Neapolitan people to the King of Hispaniae, he, a staunch defender of Christian liberty and justice, passed away in battle in the year one thousand six hundred and ninety-one. He, who in life and after death was distinguished by heavenly signs and miracles, was enrolled among the Saints by Pope Leo XIII. He left behind many writings to defend the Catholic faith against herments, and to explain the Holy Scriptures, or to celebrate the heavenly saints, especially the most Blessed Virgin Mary. He was declared a Doctor of the Universal Church by the Supreme Pontiff John XXVIII, after consultation with the Congregation of Holy Rites. FOR THE MASS: "In medio Ecclesiae" from the Common of Doctors. Prayer: O God, who bestowed upon Blessed Lawrence, your Confessor and Doctor, the spirit of wisdom and fortitude for the sake of your glory and the salvation of souls: grant that we may, in the same spirit, both know and act; and, through his intercession, may we accomplish what we know. Through our Lord. ELOGIA TO BE INSERTED IN THE MARTYROLOGY: On July 21st, in the first place: Saint Lawrence of Brundisium, Confessor and Doctor of the Church, of the Order of the

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Brothers Minor Capuchins, who passed away to heaven the following day. On July 22nd, in the second place: In Olisipone, in Lusitania, the birthday of Saint Lawrence of Brundisium, Confessor, of the Order of the Brothers Minor Capuchins, who was renowned for his preaching of the Word of God, his heavenly teaching, his pontifical legations, and for the many things happily accomplished for the glory of God and the benefit of the Church; Pope Leo XIII inscribed him in the list of Saints, and the Supreme Pontiff John XXVIII declared him a Doctor of the Universal Church, and ordered that his feast day be celebrated the day before this one.

[*Latin ed. p. 595*]

Sacra Penitentiaria Apostolica 595

ACTA TRIBUNALIUM

SACRA PAENITENTIARIA APOSTOLICA

(OFFICIUM DE INDULGENTIIS)

ACTUS DEDICATIONIS HUMANI GENERIS IESU CHRISTO REGI

Iesu dulcissima, Redemptor humani generis, respice nos ad altare

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tuum humillime provolutos. Tui sumus, tui esse volumus; quo autem tibi coniuncti firmius esse possimus, en hodie sacratissimo Cordi tuo se quisque nostrum sponte dedicat. Te quidem multi novere nunquam; te, spretis mandatis tuis, multi repudiarunt. Miserere utrorumque, benignissime Iesu, atque ad sanctum Cor tuum rape universos. Rex esto, Domine, nec fidelium tantum qui nullo tempore discessere a te, sed etiam prodigorum filiorum qui te reliquerunt: fac ut domum paternam cito repetant, ne miseria et fame pereant. Rex esto eorum, quos aut opinionum error deceptos habet, aut discordia separatos, eosque ad portum veritatis atque ad unitatem fidei revoca, ut brevi fiat unum ovile et unus pastor. Largire, Domine, Ecclesiae tuae securam cum incolumitate libertatem; largire cunctis gentibus tranquillitatem ordinis; perfice, ut ab utroque terrae vertice una resonet vox: Sit laus divino Cordi, per quod nobis parta salus: ipsi gloria et honor in saecula. Amen.

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Extra ecclesiam vel oratorium, loco: ad altare, dicatur: ante conspectum.

Die 18 Iulii 1959.

SSmus D. N. Ioannes Div. Prov. Pp. XXIII, abrogata oratione quae in « Enchiridion Indulgentiarum » ed. 1952, n. Til legitur, benigne tribuere

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dignatus est Indulgentias quae sequuntur:

1) partialem quinque annorum a christifidelibus saltem corde contrito lucrandam, si supra relatum dedicationis actum devote recitaverint;

2) plenariam semel in mense acquirendam, accedente sacramentali confessione, sacra Communione et alicuius ecclesiae aut publici oratorii visitatione, si quotidie per integrum mensem eundem actum pia mente iteraverint;

3) fidelibus vero, qui die festo D. N. Iesu Christi Regis in qualibet ecclesia aut oratorio, etiam (pro legitime utentibus) semipublico, interfuerint actui dedicationis.

[*Latin ed. p. 596*]

From the Acts of the Apostolic See, 596: An official commentary on the devotion to the most sacred Heart of Jesus, according to the formula mentioned above, with the litanies of the same most sacred Heart, solemnly exposed before the Most Holy Sacrament, granting a partial indulgence of seven years, and a plenary indulgence, if, moreover, they perform an act of contrition and approach the Holy Table. All contrary impediments are of no account. N. Card. Canali, Major Penitentiary. L. © S. I. Rossi, from the secret archives of the SACRED ROMAN ROTA.

Citation and Edict concerning the Nullity of Marriage in Naples.

Since the actual place of residence of Mr. Alexander Jadevito is unknown, in the aforementioned cause, we summon him to appear, either in person or through a legitimately appointed procurator, before the Seat of the Tribunal of the Sacred Roman Rota (Rome, Palazzo della Cancelleria) on November 14, 1959, at the tenth hour, to discuss the matter and reach an agreement, or to subscribe to the following and to designate a date for a hearing to determine the cause. Whether the decision of the Rota of April 18, 1959, should be confirmed or overturned. The ordinaries of the places, parish priests, priests, and all the faithful who have knowledge of the aforementioned place of residence of Mr. Alexander Jadevito, are to take care that he is informed of this edictal citation.

p. Ioannes Maria Pinna, Secretary.

From the Chancery of the Tribunal of the Sacred Roman Rota, July 18, 1959.

Caietanus Pezzicara, Notary.

*And since the place of current residence of Mr. Alexander Jadevito, defendant in this cause, is unknown, we summon him to appear, either in person or through a legitimately constituted procurator, at the seat of the Tribunal of the Sacred Roman Rota (Rome, Palazzo della Cancelleria)

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on November 14, 1959, at the tenth hour...

[*Latin ed. p. 597*]

Sacra Romana Rota, 597, at the tenth hour, for the purpose of resolving or confirming the doubt mentioned below, and to set the date for the decision of the case before the Rota. Must the sentence of the Tribunal of the Rota, dated April 18, 1959, be confirmed or annulled? The Ordinary of the place, the pastors, the priests, and the faithful who have knowledge of the place of residence of the aforementioned Alexandre Jadevito, should, insofar as possible, inform him of this citation.

TRIBUNAL VICARIATOS URBIS

Citation Edictal

ROMAN NULLITY OF MARRIAGE (FURINO - GUBRRL)

Since the current place of residence of Mr. Richard Guerri, in this cause, is unknown, we summon him to appear, either in person or through a legitimately appointed procurator, at the seat of the Tribunal of the Vicariate of Rome (Rome, via della Pigna 13a) on November 3rd, at the twelfth hour, to resolve the doubt mentioned below, or to subscribe to the following, and to designate a date for the conclusion of the case. Does the nullity of the marriage exist in this case? The Ordinary of the place, the pastors, the priests, and all the faithful who have knowledge of the place of residence of the aforementioned Mr. Richard Guerri, are to take care that he is informed of this edictal citation.

* Bruno Banti, V. Officialis

From the Chancery of the Tribunal of the Vicariate of Rome, August 1, 1959.

V. Frazzano, Cancellarius

Since the current place of residence of Mr. Richard Guerri, the defendant in this cause, is unknown, we summon him to appear, either in person or through a legitimately constituted procurator, at the seat of the Tribunal of the Vicariate of Rome (Rome, Via della Pigna, 13 a) on November 3, 1959, at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of resolving or confirming the doubt mentioned below, and to set the date for the hearing of the case before the Tribunal. Does the nullity of the marriage exist in this case? The Ordinary of the place, the pastors, the priests, and the faithful who have knowledge of the place of residence of the aforementioned Mr. Richard Guerri, should, insofar as possible, inform him of this citation.

[*Latin ed. p. 598*]

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MAN CURIA. On Sunday, July 19, 1959, the Holy Father received in Audience His Excellency Dr. HABIB BOURGUIBA, President of the Republic of Tunisia. On Tuesday, July 21, 1959, the Holy Father received in a solemn Audience His Excellency NOBUSUKE KISHI, Prime Minister of Japan. On Saturday, July 25, 1959, the Holy Father received in a solemn Audience His Excellency CHÉOU-KANG SIÉ, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of China, for the presentation of the new Credentials, since the Diplomatic Representation had been elevated to the rank of Embassy.

SECRETARY OF STATE, APPOINTMENTS. By Letters of the Secretary of State, the Holy Father Pius XII, of blessed memory, deigned to appoint:

Domestic Prelates of His Holiness:

January 18, 1958. Monsignor Francesco Rivero Reyes, of the diocese of Coro.

April 19, 1958. Monsignor Antonio Tomeczek.

April 19, 1958. Monsignor Antonio Liedtke, of the diocese of Culma.

April 19, 19ness 1958. Monsignor Ludovico Polzin, of the "nullius" Prelature of Schneidemühl.

April 19, 1958. Monsignor Valentino Chrobak, of the diocese of Tarnów.

April 19, 1958. Monsignor Casimiro Litwin, of the same diocese.

April 19, 1958. Monsignor Stanislao Wegiel, of the same diocese.

August 16, 1958. Monsignor Paolo Hoppe, of the diocese of Warmia.

[*Latin ed. p. 599*]

From the Roman Curia Diary, 599, with official documents from the Secretary of State, the Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, may He happily reign, has deigned to appoint: July 10th, 16th, 18th, 25th, and 20th, 1959.

The Most Reverend and Illustrious Cardinal Giovanni Amleto Cicognani, Member of the Pontifical Commission for the Compilation of the Code of Canon Law for the Eastern Churches.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Monsignor Giacomo Testa, Archbishop titular of Eraclea of Europe, Consultor of the Sacred Congregation for the Eastern Church.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Monsignor Tarcisio E. G. van Valenberg, of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, Bishop titular of Comba, Consultor of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

The Most Reverend Monsignors Pier Carlo Landucci and Antonio Piotanti, and the Reverend Fathers Michele Browne and Paolo Philippe, of the Order of Friars Preachers, Raimondo Bidagor, Carlo Boyer, and Carlo Muñoz Vega, of the Society of Jesus, Consultors of the Sacred Congregation for Seminaries and Universities.

Their Excellencies, the Most Reverend Monsignors Pietro Palazzini and Dino Staffa, the Most Reverend Monsignors Emanuele Bonet y Muixi and

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Valerio Donati, the Reverend Monsignor Saverio Paventi, and the Reverend Fathers Paolo Philippe and Tommaso Tascòn, of the Order of Friars Preachers, Guido Brisebois, of the Order of Friars Minor, and Timoteo Bouscaren, of the Society of Jesus, Consultors of the Sacred Congregation for Religious Orders.

The Illustrious Signor Francesco Saverio Bernardo, Colonel Commander of the Pontifical Gendarmerie.

Likewise, with official documents from the Secretary of State, the Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, may He happily reign, has deigned to appoint: Apostolic Protonotaries, as participants in the Holy See, on November 21st, 1958.

Monsignor Carlo O'Conor Sloane, of the Archdiocese of New York.

January 9th, 1959.

Monsignor Carlo Finn, of the Archdiocese of Boston.

Monsignor Tommaso Riley, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Roberto Sennott, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Ladislao Sikora, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Patrizio Waters, of the same Archdiocese.

March 30th, Monsignor Giuseppe Emanuele Diaz, of the Archdiocese of Bogotá.

Monsignor Antonio De Casteljau, of the Diocese of Viviers.

March 6th, Monsignor Michele I. Galvin, of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Monsignor Giovanni M. Brady, of the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

March 13th.

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Most Reverend Monaghan, Patrick, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Mulloney, William L., of the same diocese.

Most Reverend McNamara, Timothy James Joseph, of the diocese of Savannah.

April.

Most Reverend Gundl, Francis, of the Archdiocese of Vienna.

Most Reverend Sweeney, Joseph D., of the diocese of Wilmington.

Most Reverend Lozer, Joseph, of the diocese of Concordia.

Most Reverend Op de Coul, Francis John Charles Mary, of the diocese of Ruremonda.

Most Reverend Puccinelli, Alfred, of the diocese of Ortona.

Most Reverend Rossini, Calliope, of the diocese of Potenza.

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May.
Most Reverend Sanguineti, Louis, of the diocese of Chiavari.
Most Reverend Gaseo, George, of the diocese of Mondovì.
Most Reverend Novi, Anthony, of the diocese of Nocera dei Pagani.
Domestic Prelates of His Holiness:
November 21, 1958.
Most Reverend Broderick, Edwin, of the Archdiocese of New York.
Most Reverend Cook, Terence, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Walsh, Charles, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Wilders, James, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Engels, Harold, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend McGuire, Daniel, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Dolan, John, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend McCarthy, John, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Skehan, Patrick, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend O'Keefe, Daniel, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mahoney, Gerard, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Gebhard, Harry, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend McCann, Walter, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Scanion, Owen, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Flanagan, John, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Leuchs, John, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Ostermann, Joseph, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Doersam, Francis, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Felczak, John, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mulry, Vincent de Paul, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Dougherty, Daniel, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Fitzgerald, Richard, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Clune, Joseph, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Marshall, Robert, of the same archdiocese.
December 17.
Most Reverend Ament, Ernest Paul, of the Archdiocese of Dubuque.
Most Reverend Enzler, Leroy Joseph, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Friedl, Francis Peter, of the same archdiocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 601*]

From the Roman Curial Diary, number 601, December 17, 1958.
Most Reverend Halbach Arturo Anthony, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Heles Frederick George, of the same Archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Watters Loras Joseph, of the same Archdiocese.
January 9, 1959.
Most Reverend Vincent Eugene, of the Archdiocese of Boston.
Most Reverend Donovan Cornelius, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Schlichte George, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Collins William, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend O'Brien Stephen, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend O'Brien William, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mulrey Frederick, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Garrick John, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Kennedy Thomas, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Casey George, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Ryan David, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Manion John, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Rattigan Bernard, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Hennessey Ambrose, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Houlihan Michael, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Linehan Peter, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Schuyler Henry C., of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.
Most Reverend Schade Joseph, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Greene John P., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Keogh John, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Kelly Eugene A., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Montague George T., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Lyons Edward A., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Lynch Martin, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Mulhearn James, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Vallely James, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Farrel Louis F. X., of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Cummiskey James, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Ostheimer Anthony, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Donnelly John, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend O'Connell Joseph, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Riley Thomas, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend McDonough Martin, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Gleason Joseph, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend McGlinn Joseph, of the same Archdiocese.
Most Reverend Noone John, of the same Archdiocese.

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January 11.

Most Reverend Aspinwall Maurice Barry, of the Diocese of Des Moines.

Most Reverend Donahue Edwin A., of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Gaul Nicholas A., of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend O'Donnell Patrick Ryan, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend O'Leary Peter J., of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Walker Griffin Gerald, of the same Diocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 602*]

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"January 2, 1959. Monsignor Bachmann William, of the diocese of Cleveland. Monsignor Fergus Francis T., of the same diocese. Monsignor Halloran Edward, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Kelly Thomas, of the same diocese. Monsignor Mondzelewski Edmund, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Murphy Michael, of the same diocese. Monsignor Murphy Thomas, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Saunders Kenneth, of the same diocese. Monsignor Whealon John F., of the same diocese.

Monsignor Weigand Bernard I., of the same diocese.

January 16.

Monsignor Calip Osmund, of the Archdiocese of New Segovia. Monsignor Fang Cosmas, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Mabutas Anthony L., of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Panay Bernard, of the same archdiocese.

January 30.

Monsignor Garcia John Chrysostom, of the Archdiocese of Bogotá.

February 6.

Monsignor Bordet Peter, of the diocese of Nantes. Monsignor Dubreuil Aristide, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Pestre Marcellus Francis, of the diocese of Agen.

February 13.

Monsignor Egging Anthony, of the diocese of Grand Island.

Monsignor Kenny Peter I., of the same diocese.

Monsignor Kintz Lawrence A., of the same diocese.

Monsignor Miles Raymond, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Sindowski Thomas, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Cloos Vincent I., of the diocese of Joliet.

Monsignor Wagner Joseph A., of the same diocese.

Monsignor Chisholm Robert I., of the diocese of Marquette.

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Monsignor Dunleavy Joseph I., of the same diocese.
Monsignor Spelgatti David P., of the same diocese.
Monsignor Tobin Patrick, of the diocese of Plymouth.
Monsignor Bertman Alphonse J., of the diocese of Springfield in Illinois.
Monsignor Donahue Michael F., of the same diocese.
Monsignor Fox Patrick J., of the same diocese.
Monsignor Haggerty James J., of the same diocese.
Monsignor Kipping Linus G., of the same diocese.
Monsignor Schnelten Henry B., of the same diocese.
Monsignor Sloan William T., of the same diocese.
Monsignor Whalen William B., of the same diocese.
February 27.
Monsignor Hoffmann Henry, of the diocese of Treves.
Extraordinary Secret Chamberlains of His Holiness:
April 4.
Monsignor Roiatti Conrad, of the Archdiocese of Udine.
Monsignor Toffolini Otto, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Vicario Louis, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Zambano Anthony, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Zuliani Primo, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Scrudato Angelo, of the diocese of Agrigento.

[*Latin ed. p. 603*]

Diarium Romanae Curiae, April 10th.
603, 1959.
Most Reverend Salvatore Licata, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Bosco Calogero Cascio, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Matteo Montante, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Giovanni Casuccio, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Salvatore Vaianella, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Aurelio Cassar, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Liborio Daino, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Agostino Bono, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Filippo Angioni, of the diocese of Alghero.
Most Reverend Mario Corrías, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Bachisio Piras, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Luigi Grassi, of the Archdiocese of Brindisi.
Most Reverend Antonio Epicoco, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Andrea Anglani, of the same archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Raffaele Roldan, of the Archdiocese of Campinas.
Most Reverend Pasquale Quercia, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Giuseppe Nardin, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Giovanni Lopez de Almeida, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Lazzaro Mutschele, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Luigi Fernandes de Abreu, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Gaetano Nasca, of the diocese of Bisceglie.
Most Reverend Donato Podda, of the diocese of Ales.
Most Reverend Salvatore Zucca, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Giacomo McLaughlin, of the diocese of Bridgeport.
Most Reverend Francesco Borgia De Cossio, of the diocese of Santander.
Most Reverend Giuseppe Le Fort, of the diocese of Calgary.
Most Reverend Antonio F. Brys, of the diocese of Bruges.
Most Reverend Carlo L. Macagno, of the Archdiocese of Santa Fé (Argentina).
Most Reverend Silvio S. Manias, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Claudio Righini (Rome).
Most Reverend Giuseppe Giuliani, of the Archdiocese of Ferrara.
Most Reverend Angelo Mirra, of the diocese of Bisaccia.
Most Reverend Nicola Loffredo, of the diocese of Potenza.
Most Reverend Fedele Perfetti, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Umberto Lazzari, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Catello Pétrone, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Antonio Verrastro, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Vincenzo Boccardelli, of the diocese of Segni.
Most Reverend Giuseppe Del Giudice, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Guglielmo Coluzzi, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Francesco Sinibaldi, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Primo Da Mota Vieira, of the diocese of Santos.
Most Reverend Gerardo Borowski, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Benedetto Vincenzo Dos Santos, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Nelson De Paula, of the same diocese.

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Monsignor Kremer Filippo, of the diocese of Treves.
Monsignor Schabram Francesco, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Fassbender Enrico, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Fechler Paolo, of the same diocese.

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Monsignor Mühlenbrock Vernerò, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Wagner Giovanni, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Graef Giuseppe, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Pick Martino, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Schneider Michele, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Livi Angelo, of the Archdiocese of Florence.
Monsignor Mariotti Ettore, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Marrani Adelmo, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Masti Ulderico, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Meneghello Giacomo, of the same Archediocese.
Monsignor Paoletti Orazio, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Poggi Pio Carlo, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Poli Oliviero, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Pratelli Paolo, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Puliti Leone, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Santoni Antonio, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Santoni Pietro, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Sardi Giuseppe, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Sartini Cirano, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Vignini Giuseppe, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Acomanni Leone, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Bartalesi Vittorio, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Bertolini Mario, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Bianchi Giovanni, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Bonanni Gino, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Cassulo Andrea Giuseppe, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Celiai Fernando, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Ciampi Francesco, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Colzi Adeundo, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Cuccuini Ildebrando, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Ferretti Gino, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Focacci Giuseppe, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Gargani Luigi, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Giorgi Angiolo, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Gonnelli Mario, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Bartoli Emanuele, of the Archdiocese of Malta.
Monsignor Bebono Giuseppe, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Forino Giuseppe, of the abbey ”nullius” of Monte Vergine.

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Monsignor Carissimo Giovanni Battista, of the diocese of Sezze.

Monsignor Roccasecca Vincenzo, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Pernarella Mario, of the diocese of Terracina.

Monsignor Natalini Vincenzo, of the same diocese.

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Diarium Romanae Curiae, April 24, 1959.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni Oarrano, of the diocese of Diano-Teggiano.

Most Reverend Monsignor Frederick Amabile, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Francesco Saverio Mandia, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Matteo Pica, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Sebastian Quagliariello, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Leonida Bernedo Malaga, of the Archdiocese of Arequipa.

Most Reverend Monsignor Domenico La Bosa, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Emanuele Alvarez, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe Luigi Del Caprio, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Fortunato Bernedo Malaga, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Peter Kelaher, of the diocese of Brooklyn.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe McCormack, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni Balkunas, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Francesco Fitzgibbon, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni Heneghan, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Francesco Barilla, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Vincenzo Genova, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor George Dawson, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe Reagan, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Salvatore Cafiero, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Thomas Smiddy, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor William Oasey, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Francesco Donnelly, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Matthew Hickey, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor James Asip, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Thomas Little, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni Onorio De Mello, of the diocese of Campina Grande.

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Most Reverend Monsignor Vincenzo Rodas, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe Borges De Carvalho, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni Gomes Bueno, of the diocese of Montes Claros.

Most Reverend Monsignor Antonio Reis Cintra, of the Archdiocese of San Sebastiano do Rio de Janeiro.

Most Reverend Monsignor Augusto De Carvalho, of the diocese of Pesqueira.

Most Reverend Monsignor Alvaro Larumbe, of the diocese of San Isidro.

Most Reverend Monsignor Peter Menini, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor William Becerra Cabal, of the diocese of Paimira.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giacinto Vinai, of the diocese of Mondovì.

Most Reverend Monsignor Antonio Zunino, of the diocese of Chiavari.

Most Reverend Monsignor Romeo Leveroni, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Vito Talamo, of the Archdiocese of Amalfi.

Most Reverend Monsignor Gino Lugli, of the diocese of Carpi.

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Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale 606 29)} » » » » » Aprilis » » » » » 1959. Reverendissimus Dominus Pozzetti Gino, ex eadem dioecesi. » Reverendissimus Dominus Michelini Ottavio, ex eadem dioecesi. » Reverendissimus Dominus Gualdi Antonio, ex eadem dioecesi. » Reverendissimus Dominus Uralil Stefano, ex dioecesi Kottayam. » Reverendissimus Dominus Mattatoli Ciriaco, ex eadem dioecesi. » Reverendissimus Dominus Theccanat Matteo, ex eadem dioecesi. » Reverendissimus Dominus Nedumchira Giacomo, ex eadem dioecesi. HONORES: Per litteras Secretarii Status, Sanctissimus Pater Pius XII, de veneranda memoria, dignatus est conferre: Commendam Ordinis Sancti Gregorii Magni, classe civili: 19 Aprilis 1958. Domino Dropiewski Ladislao, ex dioecesi Culma. Chivalric Order of Saint Gregory the Great, classe civili: 27 Novembris 1957. Domino Cronin Thoma, ex archidioecesi Birmingham. » Domino Dnane Guglielmo, ex eadem archidioecesi. » Domino Gateley Arturo, ex eadem archidioecesi. Per litteras Secretarii Status, Sanctissimus Pater Ioannes XXIII, felix regnans, dignatus est conferre: Commendam Ordinis Sancti Gregorii Magni, classe civili: 17 Aprilis 1959. Comiti de Spilimbergo Walframo, ex archidioecesi Lucca. Chivalric Order of Saint Gregory the Great, classe civili: 5 Maii 1959. Domino Barberini Principe de Termoli Don Augusto (Roma). Grandem Crucem Ordinis Sancti Gregorii Magni, classe civili: 12 Decembris 1958. Eminentiissimo Domino Centeno Angelo Michele (Argentina). » Eminentiissimo Domino D rimmel

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Enrico (Austria). » Eminentiissimo Domino Tschadek Ottone (Austria). » Comiti de Limburg Stirum Carlo (Belgio). » Eminentiissimo Domino Jijón Caamano y Flores Emanuele (Equator). » Eminentiissimo Domino Castán Tobeñas Giuseppe (Hispania). » Eminentiissimo Domino Begashet Mesfìn, Ministro Aethiopiae presso Sanctam Sedem. » Eminentiissimo Domino Voionmaa Tapio, Ministro Finnlandiae presso Sanctam Sedem. » Eminentiissimo Domino Vellodi M. K., Ministro Indiae presso Sanctam Sedem. » Domino Medici Giuseppe (Italia).

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Diarium Romanae Curiae 607, December 12, 1958. To the Honorable Ferrari Aggradi Mario (Italy). To the Honorable Bo Giorgio (Italy). To the Honorable Vigorelli Ezio (Italy). To the Honorable Spataro Giuseppe (Italy). To the Honorable Monaldi Vincenzo (Italy). To His Excellency Solamito Cesare, Minister of Monaco (Principality), at the Holy See. To Mr. Supico Pinto Luigi (Portugal). May 29, 1959. To Mr. Petiot (Daniel-Rops) Enrico, of the Archdiocese of Paris. June 12. To Mr. Chodron-De Courcel Geoffroy (France). To Mr. Brouillet Renato (France). To Mr. Roux Giacomo (France). The Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, military class: December 12, 1958. To His Excellency Asensio Cabanillas Carlo (Spain). To His Excellency, General Bambang Sugeng, Minister of Indonesia, at the Holy See. April 17, 1959. To Mr. López Valencia Giuseppe Maria (Spain). To General De Groult-De Beaufort Guy (France). June 12. The Commander's Cross with Plaque of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, civil class: December 12, 1958. To His Excellency, Senator B. R. January 30, 1959. To Mr. Lesieux Luigi (France). To Mr. Schmid Uberto, of the Archdiocese of Vienna. February 4. To Mr. Hoet Giuseppe, of the Archdiocese of Malines. February 27. To Mr. Lavai Edoardo, of the Archdiocese of Paris. March 13. To Mr. Galindo Herrero Santiago, of the Diocese of Tenerife. April 3. To Mr. De Sayve Oliviero (France). June 12. To Mr. Guichard Oliviero (France). To Mr. Foccart Giacomo (France). The Plaque of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, civil class: November 28, 1958. To Mr. Paolo O'Brien, of the Diocese of Alexandria. February 27, 1959. To Mr. Stappers Eugenio, of the Archdiocese of Malines. To Mr. Seganti Giuseppe (Rome). April 17. The Commander of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, civil class: December 12, 1958. To His Excellency Malvestiti Pietro (Italy). To Professor Medi Enrico (Italy). To His Excellency Vehrer Alberto. To Professor Marchai. January 1959. To Mr. Mitchell Giorgio V., of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. To Mr. Henry De Villeneuve Michele (France). February 30. To Mr. Pellissier Giuseppe, of the Diocese of Tarbes and Lourdes.

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February 13, 1959. To the Reverend Mr. Rollet, Henry, of the Archdiocese

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of Paris. To the Reverend Mr. Galli, Marcello, of the Archdiocese of Lucca.

February 27. To the Reverend Mr. Nicolai, Umberto, of the same Archdiocese. To the Reverend Mr. Hurel, Maurizio, of the Diocese of Chartres. To the Reverend Mr. Corthals, Bernard, of the Archdiocese of Malines.

March 6. To the Reverend Mr. Donohue, Daniel J., of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. To the Reverend Mr. Limagne, Peter, of the Archdiocese of Paris.

March 13. To the Reverend Mr. Pélissier, John, of the same Archdiocese. To the Reverend Mr. Candia, Marcello, of the Archdiocese of Milan.

March 20. To the Reverend Mr. Ferrano, John, of the same Archdiocese. To the Reverend Mr. Latini, Charles (Rome). To the Reverend Mr. Monteverdi, John, of the Diocese of Lodi.

April 3. To the Reverend Mr. Lecuona, Hardisson, Anthony, of the Diocese of Tenerife. To the Reverend Mr. Ravina, Méndez, John, of the same Diocese. To the Reverend Mr. Benítez, De Lugo, Angelo, of the same Diocese. To the Reverend Mr. Scandar, Sobhi, of the Patriarchate of Alexandria in Egypt. To the Reverend Mr. Fantini, Edward, of the Diocese of Civita Castellana. To the Reverend Mr. Hocquart, Gabriel, of the Diocese of Metz.

April 17. To the Reverend Mr. Dreesmann, William John Rudolph, of the Diocese of Rotterdam. To the Reverend Mr. Lempers, Henry Anthony Mary, of the same Diocese. To the Reverend Mr. Breda, Raphael, of the Archdiocese of Sassari. To the Count of Spilimbergo, Hermann, of the Archdiocese of Udine.

April 24. To the Reverend Mr. Giudici, Emilio, of the Archdiocese of Milan. To the Reverend Mr. Furn, Constantine, of the Melchite Archdiocese of Beirut. To the Reverend Mr. Senhaoui, Anthony Michael, of the same Archdiocese. To the Reverend Mr. Wardé, Anthony Ibrahim, of the same Archdiocese.

April 30. May 15. May 22. May 29. June 12. June 26.

To the Reverend Mr. Di Franco, Salvatore, of the Archdiocese of Catania. To the Reverend Mr. Aghina, John Peter M., of the Diocese of Rotterdam. To the Reverend Mr. Paoletti, Angelo, of the Diocese of Grosseto. To the Reverend Mr. Gauttieri, Guy, of the Diocese of Terni and Narni. To the Reverend Mr. Morganti, Louis, of the same Diocese. To the Reverend Mr. Kahla, Raymond, of the Melchite Patriarchate of Alexandria. To the Reverend Mr. Toutoungi, Sami, of the same Patriarchate. To the Reverend Mr. De Colle, Umberto, of the Archdiocese of Milan. To the Reverend Mr. Gualdi, Tullio (Rome). To the Reverend Mr. De Warren, Lionello (France). To the Reverend Mr. Belardo, Mario (Rome).

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JOHN XXIII. APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTIONS.

1. CAIAZEIRASENSIS-CAMPINENSIS GRANDIS (PATOSENSIS): From the Seats of Caiazeiras, which are reduced, and the Campinas Nova Diocese is formed, a certain territory being designated, to be called (PATOSENSIS).

JOHN, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE PERPETUAL MEMORY OF THE MATTER.

Since God, being most wise, willed that the redeemed people be led to eternal salvation through the pains of His Son, Jesus Christ, by the maternal care of the Holy Church, therefore We, who, by divine providence, govern the institutions of the Christian society, earnestly strive for this, and insist upon it, that the faithful of Christ may have more equal conditions for fostering piety and for receiving the fruits of redemption.

For this reason, when the venerable Brother Armandus Lombardi, Archbishop with the title of Caesarea Philippi, and Apostolic Nuncio in the United States of Brazil, having heard the opinion of the venerable Brothers Zachary Rolim de Moura, Bishop of Caiazeiras, and Octavius Aguiar, Bishop of Campinas Grandis, requested from this Apostolic See that in these dioceses...

[*Latin ed. p. 610*]

610 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary. In this new region, a diocese is to be established. After careful consideration, and with the consent of Our most venerable Brothers, the Most Holy Cardinal Protectors of the Sacred Congregation Consistorial, replacing those who might consider themselves to have some right in this matter, We, exercising Our supreme authority, decree and order the following: We separate the municipalities from the diocese of Caiazeiras, which are commonly called Patos, Malta, Princesa Isabel, Santa Luzia, and São Mamede; and also the parishes of Saint Anthony and Saint Anne, located in the municipality of Piancó; furthermore, We detach the territories of Taperoá and Teixeira, and the territory of the district, as they say, of Junco do Seridó, belonging to the municipality of Santa Luzia, from the diocese of Campinas. We incorporate this entire region into the form of a new diocese, to be called Patos, and with the same boundaries, and the municipalities and parishes from which it is formed, as they are now defined by civil law. The city of Patos will be the seat of the new diocese, and there the sacred Prelate will establish his residence; and he will erect his cathedral, the temple which the people call "Nossa Senhora da Guia," which will be held in due honor as a cathedral. We grant the newly established Church its due rights, as well as its Prelate; but We impose upon him the burdens of the episcopal office. Among these, it is fitting to note that he will be subject to and a suffragan of the Metropolitan of Parahyba, together with his Church. Furthermore, We believe it is fitting that a College of Canons be established in this new

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diocese, who will either enhance the splendor of the ceremonies or provide counsel to the sacred Prelate; and in the meantime, until this can be done, We permit that diocesan Consultors be chosen in their place, who, however, will cease from their duties when the Canons are established. Similarly, We order, and We impose a grave duty upon the Bishop, to build at least an elementary seminary, to receive boys who are called by the voice of God to the priesthood: for they are the hope of the entire Church. This shall be done in accordance with the law and the regulations issued by the Sacred Congregation for Seminaries and Universities. He shall establish an episcopal table, supported by the contributions of the faithful, the fruits of the Curia, and a suitable portion of the goods, according to Canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law, which will be allocated to the new See. Furthermore, We decree that, once the diocese is established, the priests who enjoy benefits or offices within its territory shall be considered as belonging to its own clergy; and the others shall be assigned to the See in which they legitimately reside. With regard to governance, administration, and also the election of a Capitular Vicar when the See is vacant, and other similar matters, those things shall be observed which are established by Canon Law. Finally, documents and records pertaining to the diocese of Patos should be promptly sent to its episcopal Curia, to be preserved with great care in the religious archives.

[*Latin ed. p. 611*]

The acts of John PP, XXVIII, 611 ter, having considered all these matters, the venerable Brother Armandus of Lombardy, whom we have mentioned, shall execute these things, and he shall be able to delegate any man, provided that he possesses the necessary faculties for that purpose. Whoever undertakes this task shall order that the acts and documents be written down, and he shall ensure that true copies are sent to the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory. If, at that time, another person should preside over the same Nunciature in Brazil, he shall carry out these commands. We wish these letters to be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those for whom these things are decreed shall religiously observe them, and thus obtain their full effect. No prescription of any kind shall be able to oppose the effectiveness of these letters, since through these letters we abolish all such prescriptions. Therefore, if anyone, whether endowed with authority or not, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be declared entirely null and void. Furthermore, no one shall be permitted to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these letters, whether printed or written by hand, which bear the seal of a man established in ecclesiastical dignity and are signed by a public notary, shall be held to be entirely valid, just as if they were presented. Whoever disregards or in any way rejects Our decrees in general should know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for

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those who do not obey the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the seventeenth day of the month of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine, in the first year of Our pontificate. For the Holy Roman Church, DOMINICUS Card. TARDINI, Chancellor. MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI, Prefect of the Public Affairs of the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory. Hamletus Tondini, Secretary. Albertus Serafini, Regent of the Apostolic Chancery. Caesar Federici, Apostolic Protonotary. In Ap. Cane, tab., vol. XCIX, n. 9.

[*Latin ed. p. 612*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentary 612 Official, II. TO THE MINDONIENSIS (FERROLENSIS) DIOCESE, AND TO ITS ORDINARY, GREETINGS. ("FERROLENSIS," OF WHICH CITY THE PRINCIPAL CHURCH HAS BEEN RAISED TO THE DIGNITY OF CATHEDRAL.) JOHN, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE PERPETUAL COMMEMORATION OF THIS EVENT. Since We are called, as Peter, the Prince of the Apostles, to govern the Christian people and to nourish them with unchanging truth, We strive not only with the greatest diligence to establish new circumscriptions, serving the needs of individual nations, but also to modify existing Churches, so that, when the conditions of the times demand it, there may be certain hope for the faithful of greater advantages for the advancement of religion. Therefore, when the venerable Brother Hildebrandus Antoniutti, Archbishop with the title of Synnadensis in Phrygia, and Apostolic Nuncio in Spain, having duly observed the prescribed formalities, requested, on the seventh and twentieth days of August in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-three, that the name of the Mindoniensis Diocese be joined with the appellation "Ferrolensis," because that city has experienced all kinds of growth in this our age; and also that the Church of St. Julian, in that same city, be raised to the dignity of a cathedral; We, considering that this can be for the good of that diocese, deem it fitting to grant it, after due deliberation. Therefore, having heard the venerable Brother Hyacinthus Argaya Goicoechea, Bishop of Mindoniensis, representing the consent of those who have some right in this matter, We, by Our supreme and apostolic authority, decree and order the following. We join the title and denomination "Ferrolensis" to the Church of Mindoniensis and its Ordinary. Henceforth, both appellations shall be used cumulatively. Furthermore, We decree that, while the Mindoniensis Diocese retains the dignity of its episcopal cathedral, the Church of St. Julian, located in the city of Ferrol del Caudillo, be raised to the dignity of a cathedral, with all due honors; in which sacred edifice, the Canons and Beneficiaries, who are there for the sake of their office, may duly perform and defend their

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proper functions. Also,

[*Latin ed. p. 613*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, page 613, state that we deem it fitting that the Bishop of Mondoñedo-Ferrol may reside in this city, according to his prudence, for the purpose of carrying out the affairs of his Church. Furthermore, these Letters shall be brought to their conclusion by the venerable Father Hildebrandus Antoniutti, or by whomever he may delegate, having been granted the necessary powers for this purpose. Once the matter has been concluded, the same shall prepare the documents, and true copies thereof shall be promptly sent to the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory. If, however, at that time another person should preside over the same Apostolic Nunciature in Spain, we assign the same duty to him, and grant him the necessary powers. We intend these Letters to be effective now and in the future, so that those to whom they pertain may religiously observe what has been decreed therein, and thus obtain their full effect. No prescriptions of any kind shall be able to oppose the efficacy of these Letters, since through these Letters we abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that such action be declared entirely void and of no effect. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to alter or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these Letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person of standing in ecclesiastical dignity, and which have been signed by a public notary, shall be held to be entirely valid, just as if they were the original documents. Let those who in any way despise or disregard Our decrees know that they will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, near St. Peter's, on the ninth day of the month of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-ninth, in the first year of Our Pontificate. JAMES A. Card. COPELLO |Ç| MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI 8. R. E. Cancellarius 8. Congr. Consistorialis a Secretis Hamletus Tondini Apostolicam Cancellariam Regens Franciscus H. Ferretti, Proton. Apost. Albertus Loco £8 Plumbi ht Ap. Cane. Tab., Vol. C, n. }.-! Serafini, Proton. Apost.

[*Latin ed. p. 614*]

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TUDENSIS (VICENSIS)

The title and denomination "Vicensis" is joined to the Church of Tuy; the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the city of Vigo is raised to the rank of a co-cathedral.

JOHN, by the grace of God, Bishop, servant of the servants of God, for

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the perpetual memory of the matter:

As a diligent and provident farmer, to whom the field is of the greatest concern, omits nothing to make what is barren fruitful, and to make what is already fruitful even more fruitful; so too, We, who by the will of the Divine Providence have undertaken to safeguard the Lord's field, which is the Church, extending almost infinitely, strive with the utmost diligence to ensure that, through a suitable arrangement of affairs, the condition of individual Churches may be such that they bear even more joyful fruits of holiness and good works.

For this reason, when the venerable Brother Hildebrandus Antoniutti, Archbishop with the title of Synnadensis in Phrygia, and also Apostolic Nuncio in Spain, duly observed the solemn conventions, on the twenty-seventh day of the month of August, begun between the Holy See and the Spanish Nation in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-three, requested from this Roman See that the title "Vicensis" be joined to the diocese of Tuy, and also that the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, located in the city known in the vernacular as Vigo, be raised to the dignity of a co-cathedral, We, considering that this can be beneficial to the diocese, deem it fitting to grant it, after due deliberation.

Since these things are so, and after having asked the opinion of the venerable Brother Joseph López Ortiz, Bishop of Tuy, by Our supreme and apostolic authority, We decree and order the following:

We join the title and denomination "Vicensis" to the Episcopal Church of Tuy and its Ordinary, in perpetuity, so that in the future, both appellations shall be used cumulatively; furthermore, We raise the Church dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the city of Vigo, to the rank of a co-cathedral, with all due privileges.

John 15:1.

[*Latin ed. p. 615*]

Acta of Pope John XXIII, 615: Therefore, the sacred Prelate of Tudensis-Vicensis may, when it seems good to him, reside in this same city, and there perform sacred functions; likewise, the Canons shall plainly be permitted to perform their proper offices in the cathedral church, if they are present there for the sake of their duties. Furthermore, this Our command shall be carried out by the venerable Brother Hildebrandus Antoniutti, or by someone whom he may delegate, provided that he is a man constituted in ecclesiastical dignity; and We grant all powers to him. When the business is concluded, he shall strive to have documents drawn up, and copies of these, faithfully written, shall be promptly sent to the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory. And if, at that time, another person presides over the same Apostolic Nunciature, he shall duly fulfill those things which We have commanded. We wish these Letters to be effective now and in the

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future, so that those things which have been decreed through them shall be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their force. No prescriptions of any kind shall be able to oppose the effectiveness of these Letters, since through these Letters We abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these Letters, whether printed or written by hand, which bear the seal of a man constituted in ecclesiastical dignity, and which are also signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented. Let those who in any way despise or disregard Our decrees know that they will incur the penalties prescribed by law to those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the ninth day of the month of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, in the first year of Our pontificate. JAMES A. Card. COPELLO © MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory, S. R. E. Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancery. Franciscus H. Ferretti, Protonotary Apostolic. Albertus, Protonotary Apostolic.

[Reference to a specific location and volume: "Loco £B Plumbi In Ap. Cane. Tab., Vol. C, n. 68"]

Serafini, Protonotary Apostolic.

[*Latin ed. p. 616*]

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ORIHUELA (ALICANTE) IN THE ORIHUELA-ALICANTE DIOCESE: A CATHEDRAL CHURCH IS ESTABLISHED, AND THE NAME "ALICANTE" IS ADDED TO THAT DIOCESE.

JOHN, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE EVERLASTING REMEMBRANCE:

Those Catholic cities which, for a long time, have shone forth especially in religious endeavors, are certainly worthy to be celebrated with just honors, privileges, and rights; and no one doubts that this can be turned to the greater glory of God and that more abundant fruits of Christian life can be derived therefrom.

Therefore, since the venerable Prelate Hildebrandus Antoniutti, Archbishop with the title of Synnadensis in Phrygia and Apostolic Nuncio in Spain, earnestly requested that we grant a cathedral church to the illustrious city of Alicante, and that the name "Alicante" be added to the Orihuela Cathedral See, and since We considered this to be both opportune and proper, after hearing the venerable Brother Paulum Barrachina Estevan, Bishop of Orihuela, and those who had some right in this matter or considered themselves to have such a right, and after the solemn Conventions,

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begun on the twenty-seventh day of the month of August in the year 1950, between the Holy See and the Spanish Nation, having been duly observed, We, by Our apostolic authority, decree and order the following:

We add the name "Alicante" to the name of the Orihuela Church, so that, in the future, both the diocese and its Bishop shall be called by the combined name of Orihuela-Alicante.

Furthermore, preserving the dignity of the Orihuela cathedral, We elevate to the rank of a cathedral the church dedicated to God in honor of St. Nicholas, Bishop and Confessor, located in the city of Alicante, with the rights and honors, burdens, and obligations proper to such a sacred building.

At the same time, We grant to the Bishop of Orihuela the right to reside in that city whenever he wishes; and We grant to the Canons and Beneficiaries of the Orihuela collegiate church, who are engaged in their duties there, the permission to perform and exercise their proper canonical offices in the cathedral church.

Moreover, the venerable Brother, whom We mentioned, the Apostolic Nuncio in Spain, will strive to carry out all that We have commanded.

[*Latin ed. p. 617*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, number 617, grant the power to delegate anyone to carry out this office, provided that they are endowed with ecclesiastical dignity. Once the matter has been concluded, the same documents will be drawn up, and copies thereof, faithfully written, will be sent as soon as possible to the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory. If, at that time, another Apostolic Nuncio presides in the Spanish Nation, he shall execute these orders. We wish these letters to be effective now and in the future, so that those to whom they pertain may religiously observe what has been decreed therein, and thus obtain their full force. No prescriptions of any kind whatsoever shall be able to oppose the effectiveness of these letters, since through these letters we abolish all such. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these letters, whether in writing, or printed, or typed, which bear the seal of a person holding an ecclesiastical dignity, and which have been signed by a public notary, shall be held to be entirely valid, as if they were the original documents. Whoever shall despise or in any way reject Our decrees in general, let him know that he will incur the penalties established by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the ninth day of the month of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, in the first year of Our pontificate.

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a Secretis
Hamletus Tondini
Apostolicam Cancellariam Regens
Franciscus H. Ferretti, Proton. Apost.
Albertus Serafini, Proton. Apost.
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[*Latin ed. p. 618*]

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CALAGURITAN AND CALCEATENSIS (LOGROÑES) DIOCESES. THE NAME "LOGROÑES" IS ADDED TO THE CALAGURITAN AND CALCEATENSIS DIOCESES. THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ("DE REDONDA") LOCATED IN THAT CITY IS ELEVATED TO THE RANK OF CO-CATHEDRAL.

IOANNES, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE:

Since every Church is established so that the flocks of the faithful, through the care, labors, and concerns of the Bishops, may more easily direct their path towards the eternal gates, therefore, this Apostolic and Roman See decrees that the order and arrangement of episcopal sees should become ever more equitable.

For this reason, when the venerable Brother Hildebrandus Antoniutti, Archbishop with the title of Synmadensis, and also Apostolic Nuntius in Spain, having observed the solemn conventions which were begun between the Holy See and the Spanish Nation on the twenty-seventh day of the month of August in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-three, requested this See of Peter to add the name "Logroñes" to the Calaguritan and Calceatensis dioceses, and for the principal church of the city of Logroño to renounce its status as a cathedral, since that city flourishes with its inhabitants, industries, and favorable location; We, considering the reasons presented to be just, believe that such a request should be granted.

Therefore, after hearing the opinion of the venerable Brother Abilius dei

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Campo et de la Barcena, Bishop of Calaguritan and Calceatensis, and with their consent, and of those who have some right in this matter, by our apostolic authority We decree and order the following:

We add the name "Logroñes" to the name of the Churches of Calaguritan and Calceatensis, so that, in the future, both the diocese and its Bishop shall be called by both names cumulatively.

Furthermore, preserving the dignity of the episcopal cathedral of the dioceses of Calaguritan and Calceatensis, We elevate the church of the Blessed Virgin Mary "de Redonda" in the city of Logroño to the rank of co-cathedral, with all the rights and honors, burdens, and obligations proper to such sacred buildings.

At the same time, We grant to the Bishop of Calaguritan and Calceatensis the right, in the city of Logroño, whenever...

[*Latin ed. p. 619*]

By the grace of God, Pope John XXIII. We, desiring to promote the good of souls, and having heard and considered, grant and decree the following:

To the Canons and Beneficiaries of the Collegiate Church of Calaguriti and La Calzada, who reside in Logroño for the purpose of their ministry, we grant that they may perform and exercise their canonical offices in the cathedral church.

Furthermore, the Most Reverend Brother Hildebrand Antoniutti, whom we have appointed for this purpose, shall diligently strive to carry out all that we have commanded. He is hereby empowered to delegate anyone he deems fit to carry out this business, provided that such person is endowed with ecclesiastical dignity. When the matter has been concluded, he shall cause the necessary documents to be drawn up, and shall promptly send true copies thereof to the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory. If, at that time, another Apostolic Nuncio presides in Spain, he shall execute our orders.

We will and order that these letters be effective now and forever; so that those to whom they pertain shall religiously observe what has been decreed therein, and thus obtain their full effect. No prescription of any kind shall be able to oppose the validity of these letters, since by these letters we annul all such prescriptions. Therefore, if anyone, whether endowed with authority or not, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that such action be declared utterly void and of no effect.

Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to alter or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person of ecclesiastical dignity and are signed by a public notary, shall have the same full faith and validity as if they were the original documents.

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Let all know that if anyone shall disregard or in any way despise Our decrees, they shall incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs.

Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the ninth day of the month of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-ninth, in the first year of Our pontificate.

[Signed]

For His Holiness,

Dominicus Card. Tardini, Prefect.

[Signed]

Marcellus Card. Mimmi,

Prefect of Public Affairs of the Church,

Sacred Congregation of the Consistory.

[Signed]

Hamletus Tondini,

Apostolic Secretary.

Bernardus Regens De Felicis,

Protonotary.

Caesar Federici,

Protonotary Apostolic.

[Seal]

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[*Latin ed. p. 620*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 620 VI of August (of Soriana), the denomination "Soriana" is joined to the ecclesiastical province of Osma. Furthermore, the Church of St. Peter the Apostle, located there, is raised to the honor of a cathedral.

John, Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God, for the perpetual memory of the matter:

Since the good of souls and the salvation of men, for whose redemption Christ, the adorable Son of God, descended from the majesty of heaven to earth, are of the highest concern in the councils of the Church; therefore, We, who have undertaken to administer the same divine will, do not refuse, in accordance with the times, to make some changes in the constitutions of dioceses, if it appears that this will make the safety and salvation of the flock even more secure.

For this reason, when the venerable Brother Hildebrandus Antoniutti, Archbishop with the title of Synnadensis in Phrygia, and also Apostolic Nuncio in Spain, having duly observed the solemn conventions, on the twenty-seventh day of the month of August in the year nineteen hundred

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and fifty-three, between the Holy See and the nation of Spain, requested this Apostolic See that the denomination "Soriana" be joined to the ecclesiastical province of Osma; because the city of Soria has grown considerably, especially in this age; and the church located there, dedicated to St. Peter the Apostle, be raised to the dignity of a cathedral; We, having heard the venerable Brother Saturnino Rubio and Montiel, Bishop of Osma, and exercising Our supreme and apostolic authority, have decreed and ordered the following:

We join the title and denomination "Soriana" to the ecclesiastical province of Osma; likewise, its sacred prelate shall henceforth be designated by both appellations.

Furthermore, preserving the ecclesiastical province of Osma in its dignity of a cathedral, we reduce the church of St. Peter the Apostle, which is in the city of Soria, to the order of cathedral buildings, granting it appropriate rights, honors, and privileges, and imposing corresponding obligations.

Therefore, the Bishop of Osma-Soriana may, whenever he sees fit, reside in the city of Soria; likewise, the canons and beneficiaries of the same diocese may perform the proper functions of canons in the cathedral, when they are present in this city for the sake of their office.

[*Latin ed. p. 621*]

Acta Joannis PP. XXIII, 621. Furthermore, the venerable Apostolic Nuncio in Hispania will strive to carry out those things which We have commanded through these letters under seal, either by himself or through another, provided that the person is one established in ecclesiastical dignity, and possesses the necessary powers for that purpose. When the matter has been completed, he will order that the documents be drawn up, and will promptly send true copies thereof to the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory. If, at that time, another person presides over the Nunciature, he shall carry out Our commands. We wish these letters to be effective now and in the future, so that those things which have been decreed through them will be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their full force. No prescriptions of any kind can be contrary to the effectiveness of these letters, since through these letters We annul all others. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that such action be considered entirely null and void. Moreover, it is not permitted to anyone to alter or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person established in ecclesiastical dignity, and which have been signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were the original documents, if it should be shown. Let anyone who disregards or in any way rejects Our decrees know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who do not obey the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given

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at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the ninth day of the month of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-ninth, in the first year of Our pontificate.

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[*Latin ed. p. 622*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 622, Section VII.

To the Diocese of Seguntina, the appellation (GUADALAIARENSI) is added, so that it is called (GUADALAJARENSIS). The Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, located in that city, is raised to the dignity of a cathedral.

John, Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God, with the greatest joy, having learned that the Christian population of the city of Seguntina, which is called Guadalajara, has grown greatly, due to the number of the faithful and their industry and endeavors, and having heard that the venerable Brother Hildebrand Antoniutti, Archbishop with the title of Synnades in Phrygia, and Apostolic Nuncio in Spain, considered it to be for the greater good of souls to join that city and its Christian people by granting it a cathedral church, and having earnestly requested this of Us, We, considering it to be both fitting and opportune, and after having heard the opinion of the venerable Brother Lawrence Bereciartua Balerdi, Bishop of Seguntina, and with the consent of those who have some right in this matter, or who believe themselves to have such a right, and with due observance of the solemn Conventions begun on the 27th of August in the year 1953 between the Holy See and the Spanish Nation, We, by Our apostolic authority, decree and order the following:

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We add the appellation Guadalajarensis to the name of the Church of Seguntina, so that in the future, both the diocese and its Bishop shall be called by both denominations.

Furthermore, while preserving the dignity of the cathedral of the diocese of Seguntina, which is located in the city of Cagli, We raise the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, located in the city of Guadalajara, to the rank of a cathedral, with all the rights and honors, burdens and obligations proper to such sacred buildings.

At the same time, We grant the Bishop of Seguntina the right to reside in that city whenever he wishes; and We grant to the Canons and Beneficiaries of the College of Seguntina, who are engaged in their ministry in the city of Guadalajara, the right to perform and exercise their canonical offices in the cathedral church.

Furthermore, the venerable Brother Hildebrand Antoniutti, whom We have mentioned, will strive to carry out all that We have commanded, having been granted the power to do so.

[*Latin ed. p. 623*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, 623: These are to be read aloud for the completion of this business, provided that someone endowed with ecclesiastical dignity is present. Once the matter has been concluded, the same documents will be drawn up, and sincere copies will be sent to the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory as soon as possible. If, at that time, another Apostolic Nuncio presides in Spain, he will carry out these instructions. We wish these letters to be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those to whom the matter pertains will religiously observe what has been decreed through them, and thus obtain their full force. No prescriptions of any kind can impede the effectiveness of these letters, since through these letters we abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, no one is permitted to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these letters, whether printed or written by hand, which bear the seal of a man established in ecclesiastical dignity, and which have been signed by a public notary, shall have the same full faith as if they were presented. Let anyone who, in general, disregards or in any way rejects Our decrees know that he will incur the penalties established by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the ninth day of the month of March, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, in the first year of Our pontificate. For His Eminence, the Cardinal Secretary of State, DOMINICUS Card. TARDINI. And for His Eminence, the Cardinal Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory, MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI. From the Secretariate, Hamletus Tondini, Regent of the Apostolic Chancery. Fran-

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[*Latin ed. p. 624*]

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"624 VIII. OTURKPOENSIS. THE APOSTOLIC PREFECTURE OF OTURKPOËNSIS IS RAISED TO THE RANK OF A DIOCESE, WITH THE SAME NAME AND BOUNDARIES. JOHN, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE OF THE WORDS OF THE HOLY MASTER: 'Go forth into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature,' not only urges us to scatter the fertile seeds of religion among all nations and peoples, but also to establish and organize individual churches in such a way that the use of Christian virtues may be easier for the faithful, and that those who have not yet been illuminated by the bright light of our faith may have the opportunity to receive the truth. Therefore, when our beloved son, Vedastus Mojaisky Perrelli, Apostolic Delegate in British East and West Africa, proposed that the Apostolic Prefecture of Oturkpoënsis, located in the territory of Nigeria, be reduced to the order of dioceses, we, considering that this would greatly benefit the propagation of the Christian name, and after carefully considering the matter, and after having consulted our venerable brothers, the Cardinals of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, we believe that such a request should be granted. Therefore, by our apostolic authority, we decree and order the following. We reduce the Apostolic Prefecture of Oturkpoënsis to the form of a diocese, with the same name and the same boundaries; and we entrust it to the members of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, under the protection of the Immaculate Heart of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, hoping that those who have already deserved well of the Holy Church will also, in the future, engage in arduous struggles for the salvation of souls. The new diocese will be subject to the metropolitan Church of Onitshaënsis as a suffragan, and will enjoy all the rights and bear all the obligations that are proper to such ecclesiastical jurisdictions. The Bishop to whom the administration of the diocese is entrusted should take care to establish at least an elementary seminary for boys who are called by the Holy Spirit to the priestly ministry, and also to found a College of Canons; and if this proves impossible, diocesan consultants should be chosen, who will assist the Bishop with counsel and work, but will cease from their duties on March 16, 15."

[*Latin ed. p. 625*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, number 625, establish a college. It shall administer the episcopal fund, consisting of: provisions for the people; revenues of the curia; goods, if any, belonging to the apostolic prefecture; and the funds which the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith

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customarily sends. The seat of the Church and the residence of the Bishop will be the city of Oturkpo; and the Most Reverend Prelate will establish his cathedral in the principal temple of that city. Furthermore, we desire that these Our decrees be carried out by a distinguished son, the Delegate in British East and West Africa, or by whomever he designates, provided that he is a man established in ecclesiastical dignity, and endowed with the necessary powers for that purpose. He, having carried out these matters, shall cause the documents to be drawn up, and shall promptly send true copies thereof to the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. And if, at that time, another person presides over the same Delegation, we command that he perform these tasks. We will and desire that these letters be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those to whom these matters pertain shall religiously observe what has been decreed by them, and thus obtain their full effect. Nothing, of any kind, shall be able to impede the effectiveness of these letters, since by these letters we annul all contrary prescriptions. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be declared utterly void and of no effect. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a man established in ecclesiastical dignity, and which are signed by a public notary, shall be held to be entirely valid, as if they were shown to be so. Let anyone who, in general, disregards or in any way rejects Our decrees know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the second day of the month of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, in the first year of Our pontificate.

For His Holiness:

R. E.

Dominicus Card. Tardini

Petrus Card. Fumasoni Biondi

Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith

Hamletus Tondini, Regent of the Apostolic Chancery

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Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 626 IX CONCERNING CERTAIN TERRITORIES SEPARATED FROM THE APOSTOLIC VICARIATE OF NDOLA, A NEW ECCLESIASTICAL DISTRICT IS ESTABLISHED, NAMED SOLWEZI. JOHN, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE EVERLASTING REMEMBRANCE. "For this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent." Therefore, We, Who, by the secret counsel and will of the Most High God, have received the office of governing the entire Christian people, strive with all our might that, as far as possible, the means of fostering the faith and promoting religion may be made equal for all within the boundaries of individual dioceses. Wherefore, since Our beloved son, Vedastus Mojaisky-Perrelli, Apostolic Delegate in British East and West Africa, has proposed that a new Apostolic Prefecture be established in that region of Africa, and We, having considered this to be a good and fruitful undertaking, and after hearing the opinion of Our Venerable Brothers, the Cardinals, Prefects of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, and supplementing their consent, who have some right in this matter, We, by Our apostolic authority, decree and order the following: We separate from the Apostolic Vicariate of Ndola the districts commonly called Solwezi, Kasempa, Mwinilunga, and Kabongo, with the exception of that part of this district which lies outside the boundaries of the Vicariate of Ndola; and We establish a new Apostolic Prefecture in these regions, to be called Solwezi, and We entrust it to members of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual, chosen by Us and the Apostolic See. We urge them to spare no effort or care in seeking out souls and leading them into the fold of the Church. We also endow this Prefecture with the proper rights, honors, and privileges; and We likewise appoint a sacred Prelate, whom We desire to be burdened with these duties. Furthermore, We wish that Our beloved son, Vedastus Mojaisky-Perrelli, whom We have mentioned, take care to carry out these decrees, to whom We grant all powers to carry out these things, either by himself or through another, provided that the person is constituted in ecclesiastical dignity. And when...

[*Latin ed. p. 627*]

Let it be known that, according to the acts of Pope John XXIII, number 627, the same documents shall be drawn up, and true copies thereof shall be promptly sent to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. And if, at the time when these decrees are brought to completion, another should preside over the same Apostolic Delegation, he shall do the same. We wish these letters to be effective now and in the future; in-

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deed, so that those things which are decreed through them may be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their force. No prescriptions of any kind whatsoever shall be able to oppose the effectiveness of these letters, since through these letters we abolish all such things. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be declared utterly null and void. Furthermore, it shall be permitted to no one to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these letters, whether printed or written by hand, which bear the seal of a man established in ecclesiastical dignity, and which have been signed by a public notary, shall be held to be entirely valid, just as if they were the original documents. Let those who in any way despise or reject Our decrees throughout the world know that they will incur the penalties prescribed by law to those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the ninth day of the month of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, in the first year of Our pontificate.

For His Holiness:

Dominicus Card. Tardini

Petrus Card. Fumasoni Biondi

Prefect of the Sacred Congregation *de Propaganda Fide*

Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancellor

Franciscus H. Ferretti, Protonotary Apostolic

Albertus, *Loco*

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Serafini, Protonotary Apostolic.

[*Latin ed. p. 628*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 628. APOSTOLIC LETTER CONCERNING THE MOST BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, COMMONLY CALLED "NOSSA SENHORA DA PIEDADE," PRINCIPAL CELESTIAL PATRONESS OF THE CITY OF "MINAS GERAIS" IN BRAZIL. JOHN PP. XXIII. For the perpetual memory of the matter.

It has long been the desire of the Christian faithful who reside within the boundaries of the Brazilian state, commonly called "Minas Gérais," as we have learned, that the cult of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, or, as they call it, "Nossa Senhora da Piedade," should flourish. In her honor, many temples have been erected there, which, due to their antiquity and the religious devotion of the people, are sacred. Among these is the shrine of the Mother of God, invoked by that name, which rises in the place called "Serra da Piedade," not far from the city of Belo Horizonte. It is also worth noting that several towns and cities within that region have received their

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names from this very devotion, having been named "Piedade." Therefore, that this devotion may increase still further, and that those living in that region may always enjoy the protection of the Most Holy Mother, the Most Reverend Fathers Helvecius Gomes de Oliveira, Archbishop of Mariana; Joseph Newton de Almeida Batista, Archbishop of Adamantina; and John Rezende Costa, Archbishop with the title of Martyropolis and Apostolic Administrator of Belo Horizonte, whose ecclesiastical provinces are located within the aforementioned state, have requested that We confirm the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, bearing that very name, as the celestial patroness of that same state; and that this be pleasing also to other ecclesiastical authorities and civil authorities of that region. Having gladly heard these requests, and after consultation with the Congregation for Sacred Rites, with certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic authority, We hereby, by these Letters, and in perpetuity, confirm and establish the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, invoked by the name "Nossa Senhora da Piedade," as the principal patroness before God of the state, located within the boundaries of Brazil, commonly called "Minas Gérais," and We declare this, with all the liturgical rights and privileges that properly belong to the principal patrons of regions. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions.

[*Latin ed. p. 629*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 629 We enact, establish, and decree that these present Letters shall forever remain valid and effective; that they shall fully and completely produce their intended effects; and that those to whom they apply, now and in the future, shall fully benefit from them; and that they shall be duly judged and defined as such; and that they shall be declared null and void from this moment forward, if anything contrary to these provisions should be attempted by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, with any authority whatsoever. Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's Ring, on the twentieth day of the month of November, in the year 1958, in the first year of Our Pontificate.

D. TARDINI, concerning public affairs of the Church.

II. PLENARY AND PARTIAL INDULGENCES ARE GRANTED TO THE PATRIARCHAL BASILICA OF SAINT MARK IN VENICE.

IOANNES PP. XXIII. For the perpetual remembrance of this matter.

The most noble Basilica of Saint Mark, built in Venice, not only attracts a large number of visitors eager to see it, and inspires in them considerable admiration, but also, and this is certainly what should be done, it draws the hearts of the faithful to itself, as if to a most important dwelling place of religion. We hold in grateful memory this most magnificent Temple, because, having governed the Church of Venice for six years, our relationship with it was so close.

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It also comes to mind that Alexander III and Saint Pius X, Our predecessors of blessed memory, enriched this august Basilica of Saint Mark with spiritual benefits. Remembering their generosity, and guided by the counsel to prolong the memory of the pastoral office which We exercised in Venice for ages to come, We have decided to add, to the gifts of the Supreme Pontiffs, which We have mentioned, other gifts drawn from the treasure of the Church, so that the people might be encouraged to pursue a more profound study of piety.

Therefore, We, confident in the mercy of Almighty God and in the authority of Our blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, by Our own initiative, grant to all Christian faithful, of both sexes, the aforementioned Indulgences in the Lord, to those who piously visit the Basilica of Saint Mark, the principal church of the Patriarchate of Venice, under the following conditions:

I.

[*Latin ed. p. 630*]

630 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary: With complete diligence, we grant, once daily, to true penitents and confessors who have received the Holy Communion, and who offer prayers according to the mind of the Supreme Pontiff, observing the laws that must be observed, a plenary Indulgence, mercifully.

I. To the same, namely, those who are penitent and have confessed, and who have received the Holy Eucharist, and who recite five times the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be to God, in each visitation, according to the mind of the Supreme Pontiff, we benignly grant a plenary Indulgence "as often as" they desire, throughout the year, on the following days: a) on all feasts of the first and second class, whether primary or secondary, which are listed in the tables attached to the Apostolic Constitution, which, beginning with the words "Divino afflatu," was promulgated by our predecessor, the Holy Pope Pius X, on the first day of November in the year 1911; b) on feasts of weekdays and on weekdays, vigils and octaves that are privileged; c) on days on which, according to the diocesan calendar of the Patriarchal Church of Venice, solemnities are celebrated in honor of Saints or Blesseds, or for a particular reason of piety, as found in the approved proper Offices; d) on the day designated for gaining the Indulgence called "from Porziuncula."

II. Furthermore, to the faithful who visit the same Basilica with a contrite heart and offer prayers according to the mind of the Supreme Pontiff, we grant a partial Indulgence of ten years "as often as" they desire, which can also be obtained by one who has already gained the plenary Indulgence. Finally, out of our benevolence, we grant and bestow that the altars of the same Basilica, which are not privileged, may always be endowed with this spiritual benefit. Contrary provisions notwithstanding; and these present Letters shall be valid forever.

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Given at Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's Ring, on the fourteenth day of the month of January, in the year 1956, in the first year of our pontificate.

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III. CONFEDERATION OF CONGREGATIONS OF THE ORDER OF REGULAR CANONS OF SAINT AUGUSTINE.

IOANNES PP. XXIII

For the perpetual memory of this matter. — "The unity of charity" and "the society of living together in common" are strongly commanded by Saint Augustine, the illustrious light of the Church, to the clerics established in the monastery (Berm. 356; P. L. 39,).

[*Latin ed. p. 631*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII (1577; cf. Berm. 355; ibid., 1573), who, with the most pleasing eloquence, says: "A gradual canticle of David. Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity..." These words of the Psalms, this sweet sound, this melodious harmony, have borne fruit both in song and in understanding, even within monasteries. Stirred by this sound, brothers have desired to dwell together in unity; these verses have been their trumpet, and those who were divided have been gathered together (Commentary on Psalm 132; PL, 36, 1729). This most holy Prelate was not only a teacher, but also an instrument, of this union of souls and this common life, leaving an example to which all his sons would always look. Clerics or canons, living together in monasteries, in order that, as their primary purpose, they might more perfectly perform the solemn worship in the temples to which they were dedicated, and the care of souls, have grown greatly in number after various changes, especially after the Council of Lateran, held in the year 1577, restored them to a stricter form. Therefore, endowed with new vigor, they have grown into that religious family, which is called the Order of the Regular Canons of Saint Augustine, and which has been commended to the people of God by the sanctity, learning, and merits of many men. Within this Order, many associations have been established over time, living according to their own rules, but united under the name of a single Order. Some of these, inflamed by Augustinian charity, did not fail to seek closer ties with confraternities and associations, by which they were bound together by bonds of piety and friendship. Now, the Congregations, which, after calamities and losses inflicted upon this religious family by the vicissitudes of time, have survived, and which seek to bring about a true Confederation within the Order, under changed circumstances and with new pressing needs in Holy Church, desire to unite more closely with each other in a bond of charity,

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to increase the strength of the entire Order, and to provide mutual assistance, especially with regard to spiritual matters, the education of young people, and the cultivation of human virtues. They cannot find a more opportune occasion to achieve this purpose than in this, the ninth century, from which the ancient institution of the canons, confirmed by the aforementioned Council of Lateran with salutary discipline, has blossomed anew with a true fervor. The Apostolic See, concerned about the progress of religious associations, gladly favors and encourages federations among monasteries and Congregations that are under their own jurisdiction, because it has been observed that such associations produce not a few, nor insignificant, benefits, especially in this age, in which religious life...

[*Latin ed. p. 632*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See – Official Commentary 632, it seems prudent to adapt to new circumstances. Therefore, Pope Pius XII, Our Predecessor of blessed memory, addressing the Monks of Saint Benedict, spoke these words: "Now, there is a greater opportunity for travel and return, a more widespread willingness to cooperate in works, a richer supply of knowledge, counsel, and innovation, all of which are necessary for priests, and also for missionaries, so that they may fulfill the expectations they have aroused; agreements are needed, unity is required." (Acts of the Apostolic See, 1947, 39, p. 455). Consequently, the Congregations or Sodalities of the Most Holy Savior of the Lateran, the Austrian Regular Canons of Saint Augustine of the Lateran, the Regular Canons of Saint Nicholas and Saint Bernard of Monte Iovene, and the Regular Canons of Saint Mauritius of Agaune (Switzerland), after deliberation and approval within their respective Chapters or Councils, have humbly presented petitions to Us, through Our beloved son Charles Egger, Abbot and General Procurator, requesting that We benignly approve and confirm, with Our authority, the Confederation, or Covenant of Charity, among themselves and those who may join them. We, embracing the Regular Canons of Saint Augustine with paternal love, have readily decided to grant this request; and We are confident that, since ancient wisdom teaches that small things, as well as great things, grow through concord, this union of the Canonical Sodalities of the Order will not only contribute to its honor and growth, but also that the abundance of fruits it will bear will be beneficial to the Church and to society, if it pleases God. Therefore, after consultation with those responsible for the affairs of Religious Sodalities within the Sacred Congregation, and with certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic power, We hereby approve and confirm, in perpetuity, this Confederation, Sodality of the Order, or Covenant of Charity of the Regular Congregations of Saint Augustine, and We add to it the strength of Apostolic sanction. Furthermore, by the same authority, We approve and confirm the principles by which this Confederation is governed, ac-

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cording to the example preserved in the archives of the Sacred Congregation responsible for the affairs of Religious Sodalities, and which are as follows: "I - The autonomy, or the power to live according to its own laws, of each affiliated Congregation is fully preserved. II - An Abbot Primate of the Order of Regular Canons of Saint Augustine is created, who will, in turn, hold office from each of the affiliated Congregations, in the order in which they are listed in the 'Annuaire Pontifical,' but in such a way that the order of appointing the Abbot Primate from each Sodality begins with the Congregation of Saint Mauritius of Agaune. The Abbot Primate, as such, holds the primacy of honor and a place..."

[*Latin ed. p. 633*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, section 63, concerning the entire federated Order. The office of the Abbot Primate lasts for six years. It is his duty to appoint, from any federated Congregation, a General Procurator, who will serve for the duration of his own term of office, to act as his representative before the Roman Curia. The Abbot Primate is to convene a General Chapter of the Order of Regular Canons of Saint Augustine, from all nations, every three years, and to preside over it. In these Chapters, matters of a spiritual nature, the formation of young men, and other affairs will be discussed, in which all will participate.

III - Throughout the entire Confederation, there will be a sharing of prayers and good works, which are offered by the members.

IV - Each federated Congregation will offer a certain number of Masses for the souls of deceased members of the Confederation.

V - All federated Congregations will have a single list of Saints and Blesseds of the Order, to which special offices will be added, proper to each Congregation.

VI - The federated Congregations will have a single Cardinal Protector, whom they will have requested from the Apostolic See by common consent."

Based on these principles, the specific statutes of this Confederation will subsequently be written and presented to the same Apostolic See. Finally, according to the principles which we have approved, an Abbot Primate must be appointed to preside over this Confederation of the Order. Therefore, for this first time, by our authority, we elect and appoint the Venerable Brother Ludovicum Severinum Haller, Bishop in the title of Bethlehem and Abbot of Saint Mauritius of Agaunum, to this office for a term of six years; after which time, according to the statutes to be approved, an Abbot Primate from the Congregation of the Most Holy Savior of the Lateran Palace will succeed him, and subsequently, in turn, from the other Congregations, according to their order. All contrary provisions to the contrary notwithstanding.

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We decree, establish, and ordain that these present letters shall remain forever valid and effective; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that those to whom they pertain, or may pertain, shall fully support them now and in the future; and that they shall be duly judged and defined; and that they shall be declared void from this moment and null, if anything contrary to these should be attempted by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, with any authority whatsoever.

Given at Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's ring, on the fourth day of the month of May, in the feast of Saint Monica, in the year 1958, in the first year of Our Pontificate.

D. Card. TARDINI, Prefect of the Public Affairs of the Church.

[*Latin ed. p. 634*]

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"RULES AND CONSTITUTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION OF CLERICS OF THE MOST HOLY CROSS AND PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST APPROVED. JOHN PP. XXIII. For the perpetual memory of the matter. – That they might devoutly meditate on the sufferings of Christ the Savior, so that through the remembrance of them, peoples might be led to cleanse themselves of their sins and to follow the path of virtue, and also that the Gentiles might be converted to the truth divinely revealed to us, the most excellent disciple of Christ, Paul, from the Cross, who followed the torments of Jesus, prudently established the Congregation of Clerics of the Most Holy Cross and Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ; whom, bound by the vow of obedience, he ordered to promote the study, by which the sufferings, which the Redeemer of the human race bore for our sake, are particularly remembered. This religious Sodalitas, having grown with joyful increase, has brought many benefits to the Church; and it is to be remembered that many honors have been decreed to this Family by the Saints in Heaven. That it might properly fulfill the duties assigned to it and bear fruitful fruit, the same founder and master, not without the inspiration of the Divine Spirit, imposed laws which he himself wrote, which Pope Benedict XIV, our predecessor of blessed memory, in the year 1741, and, as circumstances required, in the year 1746, solemnly approved, and which, after being again increased and amended, Clement XIV, our predecessor, having ratified them, confirmed with Apostolic authority. The lawgiver, a little before departing from this life into eternal light, again carefully examined and revised those Rules and Constitutions, which, duly expensed, Pope Pius VI, also our predecessor, approved in the year 1775. After the Code of Canon Law was published, the Sodalitas, which we have mentioned, adapted those same laws, namely, the norms for the founding of its life, to the Code; which, thus adapted and, moreover, somewhat changed, were communicated in the years 1928 and 1933 with the approval of the Sacred Congregation of Religious, entrusted with the affairs of Sodalities.

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The council of the aforementioned religious Family, convened in the year 1949, considering it necessary to ensure that such laws were in accordance with those which our age required, ordered a commission to be established, whose task was to

[*Latin ed. p. 635*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 635, express the desire and the precepts of the Apostolic See, which have been repeatedly communicated on this matter, to adapt the Rules and Constitutions to the needs of the present time. Those chosen men, with a united purpose, considered those things which, in the laws themselves, were primary and almost fundamental, which declared the proper nature of the Society, or which necessarily followed from it; and finally, those things which had been handed down by the Lawgiver, the Lord, and which had been zealously defended by the Church, not only to be preserved intact and stable, but also, with added vigor, to be made more effective and diligently promoted. Those matters which were introduced pertain most of all to the constitution of the Society with regard to its legal basis, its governance, and the institution of young religious. An example of such laws, modified in part, was diligently and zealously completed and presented to the Sacred Congregation for the Governance of Religious Orders, which duly took cognizance of it. Therefore, when the chosen son, Malcolmus a Maria, the General Prefect of the Congregation of Clerics of the Most Holy Cross and Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, humbly requested Us to approve, with Our authority, the Rules and Constitutions, composed, as We said, to meet the needs of the present time, We, desiring to manifest Our favorable disposition towards this religious Family, resolved, with a willing heart, to grant this request; and We are confident that, with a new impetus, these members will be spurred on to pursue their aims and to spread the Kingdom of God in every way. Since these things are so, We, after consulting with those entrusted with the affairs of the Religious Societies in the Sacred Congregation, having carefully considered everything, with certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic power, hereby approve and confirm these Letters and the Rules and Constitutions of the Congregation of Clerics of the Most Holy Cross and Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, adapted to the needs of this age, and recognized by the Sacred Congregation, which We mentioned, and We add to them the strength of Apostolic sanction, provided that they conform to the example which is preserved in the archives of the aforementioned Sacred Congregation for the Governance of Religious Orders, the first words of which are "This Congregation has the same end," and the last words are "that the order may keep you." With these Letters and with Our authority, We abolish and declare to be abolished all those things which are not contained in the same Rules and Constitutions, which We have thus approved. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions. These

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things We decree, We establish, We declare that these present Letters shall remain forever firm, valid, and efficacious; and shall have and produce their full and complete effect; and that they shall be observed.

[*Latin ed. p. 636*]

636 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentary, which We now and forever fully approve; and thus it is to be rightly judged and defined; and it shall be void from this moment and null, if anything contrary to these things, by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, should be attempted. Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's Ring, on the first day of the month of July, in the feast of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the year 1909, in the first year of Our Pontificate.

D. Card. TARDINI, Prefect of the Public Affairs of the Church.

LETTER TO THE MOST REVEREND FATHER MARCELLUS, SECRETARY OF THE SACRED CONGREGATION CONSISTORIAL, WHOM WE SEND AS A LEGATE TO THE EUCHARISTIC CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN CATANIA, FROM ALL OF ITALY.

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Beloved Son, greetings and Apostolic Benediction.

Catania, a city near the fiery Aetna, with a pleasant location, renowned for religious memories, which Agatha and Euplus adorned with the purple of holy martyrdom, is honored by this distinguished choice, so that in the month of September, a Eucharistic Convention from all of Italy may be held there. It is undoubtedly certain that this will be worthy of all expectation and will produce an extraordinary fruit of piety, especially due to the zeal for the faith and the diligence of the Archbishop and clergy of Catania, and of the Christian faithful entrusted to their care, in whom the will to prepare for the august Sacrament has long been united in a noble endeavor.

So that the splendor of these celebrations may shine more brightly and pious joy may be increased, We have decided to send one of Our Cardinals there: for this reason, after mature deliberation, We declare and appoint you, Venerable Brother, as Our Legate, who will represent Our person at the Eucharistic Convention of all of Italy, and you will be the messenger and interpreter of Our exhortations and wishes there, for this particular reason, that all to whom your voice reaches may more and more each day venerate the Most Holy Eucharist, the summit of heavenly wonders, with purity of faith and reverence.

[*Latin ed. p. 637*]

Acta Ioannis Pp. XXIII 637. For this, indeed, revives the powers of our souls with a salutary nourishment, not without a sweet delight, by which it is compared to that ancient manna, and, since it contains the Author

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of life and grace, it abundantly gives that which is truly life, according to the words of St. Augustine: "Eat life, drink life: you will have life; and life is complete." 1. Moreover, since it is a Sacrament of unity and peace, all those who are reckoned by the Christian name, if it is received by them piously and reverently, most closely joins them to God and to each other with a solid bond, by which they perceive themselves to be one society, one body, one communion. Therefore, nothing is more abhorrent to those who are nourished by this food than discord, hatred, envy, and whatever severs the bond of fraternal communion. Therefore, let those who offer solemn honors to the mystery of faith, by their example leading as many as possible to imitate them, excel in love of unity and peace, and, having cast off the false pursuit of self and of their own factions, with steadfast purpose always pursue those good things which, the more ample and lofty they are, the more they are divine. Finally, we greatly desire that, for the benefit and glory of religion, and for the prosperity and happiness of civil affairs, abundant effects of the grace of the Most High may descend from the most pious Eucharistic Congregation of Catania, and that the memory of it may remain sweetly in the hearts of men, bringing forth long-lasting benefits even in the future. For this purpose, having invoked the help of God, we impart, with fervent affection, the Apostolic Blessing to you, Venerable Brother, to the sacred officials, magistrates, priests, Christian faithful inhabitants and visitors, who will venerate the Sacrament of the Altar in the magnificent Congregation of Catania. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the second day of August in the year 1959, in the first year of Our Pontificate. IOANNES PP. XXIII. 1. *Sermo CXXXI, 1, De verbis Evangelistae Iohannis, 6.*

[*Latin ed. p. 638*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 638 RADIO ADDRESS TO THE FAITHFUL OF THE REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS, DEDICATED TO THE MOST HOLY HEART OF JESUS AND THE IMMACULATE HEART OF BLESSED MARY. * Most beloved Hondurans! Grace to you and peace! Grace and peace to you! Today, Honduras has consecrated itself to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, thus concluding the missions in which the graces of Heaven, as in a new Pentecost, have been poured forth in torrents upon your souls. Congratulations, most beloved children! "Now is made salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of Christ his." Today, Honduras has declared that it wishes to live in a joyful atmosphere of true Christianity, that in the heart of each one, in the sanctuary of all their homes, and in the institutions of the entire society, there is a place for Christ, for his law. To the King of ages, honor and glory! Three things we shall say to you in this greeting, which we entrust to the airwaves. Live in grace; preserve the sanctity of the family; maintain unity and concord in your society. The life of man has meaning

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when he places God as the ultimate goal of his aspirations, when he bases his life on his friendship with Him, and when he directs his daily life by the channel of His commandments and desires. We would like to be there now, among you, to show some the evangelical page of the prodigal son, to others the scene of Jesus with the children whose angels always see God, to repeat to you the Sermon on the Mount... Live, we shall simply say to you, the Christian life in all its depth and realism. Never forget the fundamental teaching of these days: Jesus Christ, with his blood, has brought us from Heaven the supreme gift of grace, "and has granted us the most precious and rich promises, so that we may become partakers of the divine nature." Approach each day your lips to the divine fountains of supernatural life, and take the vital nourishment of the soul that is given in the sacraments, eliminating everything that hinders efficacy or diminishes your effort to attain the fruits of the Redemption of Christ. May each of you feel obligated to draw in the brother who is far away, to... * August 16, 1959. Apoc. 12, 10. 2 Peter 1, 4.

[*Latin ed. p. 639*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII serve to reinvigorate one's own faith, to deepen a more conscious awareness of its demands, and to fully savor the grandeur of the Catholic creed. "Sanctify the home!" The union of hearts, maintained by fidelity pledged one day before the altar; common prayer, particularly the recitation of the Holy Rosary; the Christian education of children; the mutual support of spouses in the love of Christ, bearing with each other's defects and imperfections; will all these not be a source of prosperity and a powerful lever that will bring countless blessings and graces to your homes, and perhaps the religious or priestly vocation so greatly needed in your homeland? Unity and charity among all. Only when man conforms himself to the plan of God will society regain serenity, well-being, and peace. The Church calls men to turn their eyes to unity, calling them, whatever their race or social condition, to unite in fraternal bonds in Christ, in the Redeemer who, each day, consecrates the human race to God the Father through His sacrifice. "The desired salvation," as We indicated in Our first Encyclical, "must be primarily the fruit of a great outpouring of charity, of that Christian charity which encompasses the entire Gospel within itself, and which, ever ready to sacrifice itself for others, is the surest antidote against the pride and selfishness of the world"; charity which supplements, completes, and vivifies the relationships of justice; charity and kindness which are the best fruits of Christianity. May the Lord, through Mary, Queen of Peace, bless that noble land, protect its authorities, with the Most Excellent President of the Republic at their head; may He assist with abundant graces the Episcopate, the Missionaries, the Clergy, and the beloved Honduran people. To all of you, as we raise our hearts and hands to Heaven, We impart Our Apostolic Blessing.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF MARIAN CONGREGATIONS, WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS ASSEMBLY HELD IN ROME FROM ALL NATIONS.

* "Give glory to the Lord and His power; give glory to the name of Jesus and to the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, that you may abound in hope, joy, and good works."

* August 20, 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 640*]

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640 This good news, which is pleasing to Us, let the voice of Our mouth, indeed, of Our paternal heart, resound to you, most beloved members of the Marian Congregations, who are holding the meeting of your Federation in Novara, from all nations. We greet with heartfelt congratulations and wishes the Venerable Brother Joseph Gawlina, Archbishop with the titular see of Madytus, your general moderator, and then the other sacred dignitaries present here, the leaders of your respective orders, the multitude of your members, the strength and flower of your youth, in whose virtue we place the best hope: Behold, young men, how many of you there are, displaying your strength. On the feast of the Most Holy Trinity this year, when We addressed your Roman members in the Basilica of the Vatican, with words drawn from the depths of Our heart, We made it clear how highly We esteem you and how much paternal affection We hold for you. We are pleased to reaffirm this opinion, this paternal concern, to you again.

2. Undoubtedly, when the Church is the ordered army, the ranks of pious militias contribute greatly to securing the fearless victories of the peaceful King, if they strive with emulous zeal. You have reason to boast. Your banners shine brightly in the deeds accomplished to promote the glory of the Name of Jesus. We know you to be true pioneers. We propose even greater things for you to achieve each day: in the exercise of the apostolate, wherever faith is challenged, wherever charity calls, wherever piety and the protection of sacred laws are required, with a properly constituted force, we desire you to be second to none. The central question, upon which we have decided to deliberate in this meeting, is this: What role does it pertain to the members of the Marian Congregations in the present state of affairs? You have indeed desired to pursue and to bring about more effectively those things which were established at the second meeting of the lay apostolate in Rome in the year 1957: thus it is clearly evident that you feel deeply with the Church and, with suitable safeguards, you adapt the strength and efficiency of your action, "as far as possible, to the complex of nations, adapting yourselves to the circumstances of this time, like certain flexible joints." For this reason, the Marian way of life is nourished by the sources of Christian piety and seeks the impetus of charity for the accomplishment of works. Indeed, the members of the Marian Congregations

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readily embrace a life of sanctity and dedication to the apostolate, through the consecration of the Most Blessed.

[*Latin ed. p. 641*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, 641: The devotion to the Virgin Mary must be fostered, for her very nature contains the pledge of faithfully following the purposes of life throughout the entire course of one's days. Hence arises and flourishes the desire to progress ever more in that wonderful disposition of mind, in which, in every matter, nothing is sought except the divine good pleasure, and through prayer, actions of life, and examples of virtue, to benefit the Church and to secure the eternal salvation of souls, which is considered a fixed and established principle. But it seems to us that, in order that you may fulfill your office fruitfully and respond more perfectly and completely to the common expectation, it is most necessary that you become, truly and increasingly, what you are called to be: worshippers of the Mother of God, propagators of her religion, and enforcers of her maternal kingdom. Our age undoubtedly shows signs of a Marian spirit, and it becomes increasingly clear to prudent men that the way to return to God is through Mary, that Mary is our most powerful trust, the support of our security, the reason for our hope. Therefore, using the sweet words of the Doctor, we shall address you, most beloved: "Take Mary, this star of the sea, for what remains if, from this great and spacious sea, this star is removed, but a mist enveloping and a shadow of death and the densest darkness? Therefore, with all the depths of our hearts, with all the affections of our souls, and with all our vows, let us venerate Mary, for thus it is the will of Him who wished to have everything through Mary. This – I say – is His will, but for us: for, in all things and through all things, providing for the wretched, He comforts our fear, excites our faith, strengthens our hope, banishes doubt, and raises up our timidity."

Therefore, loving Mary with the utmost devotion, let you reflect her virtues in your conduct, and let you translate as many of them as possible into your example, thus praying to the Mother and Queen of the Angels and of men: "Draw me: we will run after thee to the odour of thy ointments. The king hath brought me into his storerooms: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, remembering thy breasts more than wine: the righteous love thee."

To you and to your endeavors, now and forever, may the power and help of the name of Jesus be, the favor of the Virgin Mary with her smiling eyes, the triumph of justice and truth, peace and benediction! Amen.

3 4 41 A discourse on the aqueduct, VI - VII. Cf. Cant. 1, 3. - ACTA, vol. I, n. 12. - 25-9-1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 642*]

642 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary ACTA OF POPE PIUS XII. APOSTOLIC LETTER CONCERNING THE PERPETUAL HELP

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OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PATRONESS OF THE APOSTOLIC VICARIATE OF SAMARINDA, IS DECLARED THE PRINCIPAL CELESTIAL PATRONESS. POPE PIUS XII. For the perpetual memory of this matter. — The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, who with a maternal heart never ceases to offer heavenly aid to men navigating the stormy seas of this world, is rightly called Mary of Perpetual Help, and, adorned with this name, she is to be venerated with the utmost devotion. This devotion to the Blessed Virgin is especially to be encouraged in those regions where the light of the Gospel has recently been brought by the heralds of the Word of God, so that through the intercession of the Virgin, all errors may be dispelled and Christian truth may be deeply rooted in the minds of the people. With this in mind, the Venerable Brother James Henry Romeyn, Bishop in the title of Zenopolis in Isauria and Apostolic Vicar of Samarinda, requested that We declare the Blessed Virgin Mary of Perpetual Help, to whom the principal church of that missionary region has recently been dedicated for the purpose of fostering devotion, to be the Patroness of the entire Apostolic Vicariate. These requests, received with a willing heart, We, after consulting with the Sacred Congregation for Rites, with certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic authority, hereby confirm and declare, in perpetuity, the Blessed Virgin Mary of Perpetual Help to be the principal Patroness before God of the entire Apostolic Vicariate of Samarinda, with all the honors and liturgical privileges that rightly belong to the principal Patrons of regions. Contrary to anything to the contrary notwithstanding. We decree, establish, and ordain that these present Letters shall forever remain valid and effective; and shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that those to whom they pertain shall observe them.

[*Latin ed. p. 643*]

As can be seen in the acts of Pope Pius XII, page 643, or as they will be able to see in the future, they will fully intercede; and thus it must be judged and defined; and the aforementioned shall be considered valid from now on, if anything contrary to these matters should be attempted by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, with any authority whatsoever. Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's ring, on the eighteenth day of the month of April, in the year 1958, the twentieth year of Our Pontificate. By special mandate of the Most Holy Cardinal, entrusted with the public affairs of the Church, Gildo Brugnola, by Apostolic Brief, grants to the Monastery with its Church (Saint Cross of Valle Occasorum), belonging to the Solesmense Congregation of the Order of Saint Benedict, the following, in the name and by the right of the Abbey: Pope Pius XII. For the perpetual memory of this event. A large cross, the sign of salvation and the index of eternal rest, stands at the summit of a rock that rises among the

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mountain ranges, commonly called "Guadarrama." This stone structure has been excavated in such a way that a large cave is formed, resembling an underground temple. Nearby, buildings have been erected, spacious and suitable for providing lodging for the clergy, guests, and pilgrims. Such great works were undertaken by Francis Franco Bahamonde, the Governor of Spain, so that a monument might be erected for those who had lost their lives in the civil war for any reason, and so that God might be continuously propitiated in this new religious center, and that heavenly blessings might come to the Spanish nation. This distinguished man, endowed with great authority, invited the monks of the renowned monastery of Silensis, belonging to the Solesmense Congregation of the Order of Saint Benedict, to carry out sacred duties in this seat of piety, to pursue monastic life, to engage in studies, and thus to lead the people to Christian virtues that are eternal and incorporeal. In order that this religious community may be properly gathered, it has been wisely, indeed generously, considered. Therefore, prayers have been offered to Us, so that We might, out of Our benevolence, grant the new monastery with its church, as mentioned above, to the Abbey in its name and by its right.

[*Latin ed. p. 644*]

644 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary. Those who, with willing hearts and generous spirit, have offered prayers for our students at the monastery of Saint Benedict, We, after consultation with the Sacred Congregation for Religious Orders, by Our Apostolic authority, establish and constitute, in perpetuity, a new monastery of its own jurisdiction, to be called the Monastery of the Holy Cross of the Valley of Occasorum, and We make it a participant in all the rights and privileges granted to monasteries of the same religious order, belonging to the Solesmes Congregation of the Order of Saint Benedict. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions. We decree, We establish, We determine that these present Letters shall remain forever valid and effective; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that the aforementioned monastery, and its superiors and monks, both present and future, shall be fully supported by Us, now and in the future; and that they shall be duly judged and defined; and that, from this moment forward, anything to the contrary, concerning these matters, attempted by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, shall be declared void and of no effect. Given at Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's Ring, on the twenty-seventh day of the month of May, in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, in the twentieth year of Our Pontificate. By special mandate of the Most Holy Cardinal Gildo Brugnola, Prefect of the Congregation for Public Affairs of the Church, the MOST HOLY VIRGIN MARY, CONCEIVED WITHOUT ORIGINAL SIN, is established as the Principal Celestial Patron of the Diocese of Sete Lagoas. PIUS PP. XII For the perpetual memory of this event. — In this year, in which

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the memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary, conceived without original sin, and of the poor and pious girl who was seen several times in the cave of Lourdes, is celebrated throughout the world, We rejoice that devotion to this Immaculate Mother of God has grown. As a witness to this religious fervor, we have also received a petition from the Diocese of Sete Lagoas, which We established a few years ago in the territory of Brazil. We have learned that the Christian faithful living there deeply cherish the cult of the Blessed Virgin Mary, conceived without original sin.

[*Latin ed. p. 645*]

The acts of the Most Holy Pope Pius XII, number 645, concerning the celebration of his feast day, were observed with great solemnity and with the presence of a large number of people. Representing all, especially the civil authorities, the members of the Catholic Action and other pious societies, the Venerable Brother Joseph of Almeida Batista Pereira, Bishop of Sete Lagoas, requested that We declare the Blessed Virgin Mary, conceived without original sin, to be the principal patroness of his diocese before God. Graciously heeding these prayers, and after consultation with the Sacred Congregation of Rites, with Our certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic authority, We hereby establish and declare, by these letters, in perpetuity, the Blessed Virgin Mary, conceived without original sin, to be the principal patroness of the entire diocese of Sete Lagoas before God in Heaven, with all the rights and liturgical privileges that properly belong to the principal patrons of dioceses. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions. We decree, establish, and ordain that these present letters shall remain firm, valid, and effective forever; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that those to whom they pertain, now and in the future, shall fully observe them; and that they shall be duly judged and defined; and that they shall be null and void from this moment forward, if anything contrary to these should be attempted by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, with any authority whatsoever. Given from the Vatican, under the Fisherman's Ring, on the eleventh day of the month of September, in the year 1958, the twentieth year of Our pontificate. By special mandate of the Most Holy Father, to the Cardinal Gildo Prunola, Prefect for Public Affairs of the Church, for Apostolic Briefs.

[*Latin ed. p. 646*]

Acts, of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 646 ACTS OF THE HOLY CONGREGATIONS SACRED CONSISTORY CONGREGATION I PROVISIONS CONCERNING CHURCHES. The Most Holy Pope John, by Divine Providence, Pp. XXIII; by successive decrees of the Sacred Consistory Congregation, has provided for the following churches with new pastors, namely: on June 22, 1959. — To the titular episcopal church of Schey-

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ern, he appointed the Reverend Father Bernard Schräder, General Vicar of the diocese of Osnabrück, whom he designated as an Auxiliary to His Excellency Helmut Hermann Wittler, Bishop of Osnabrück. on June 80. — To the cathedral church of Fulda, His Excellency Adolf um Bol te, hitherto titular Bishop of Cibyra. on July 22. — To the cathedral church of Cúcuta, His Excellency Paulum Correa León, hitherto titular Bishop of Gisipa. — To the titular episcopal church of Rhandus, the Reverend Father Ioannem Laurentium Kulik, Chancellor of the episcopal curia of Łódź, whom he designated as an Auxiliary to His Excellency Michaelis Klepacz, Bishop of Łódź. — To the titular episcopal church of Bonitza, the Reverend Father Thaddaeum Etter, from the archdiocese of Posen, whom he designated as an Auxiliary to His Excellency Antonii Baraniak, Archbishop of Posen. — To the titular church of Aperlitana, the Reverend Father Ferdinandum Baldelli, from the diocese of Perugia, a pastor, President of the Pontifical Works for assisting the needy, and Moderator of the National Works for instructing workers in religious and moral matters. on August 3. — To the metropolitan church of Nueva Pamplona, His Excellency Hannibalem Muñoz Duque, hitherto Bishop of Bucaramanga. on August 8. — To the titular archiepiscopal church of Amida, His Excellency Gastonem Mojaisky Perrelli, hitherto Apostolic Delegate in.

[*Latin ed. p. 647*]

The Sacred Congregation Consistorial has appointed 647 for Eastern and Western British Africa, whom it has named Apostolic Delegate in the territories of "Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi." — To the Cathedral Church of Peoria, the Most Reverend Father John Baptist Franz, formerly Bishop of Dodgepolitan. — To the Cathedral Church of Vigornia, the Most Reverend Father Bernard Joseph Flanagan, formerly Bishop of Norwich. — To the Cathedral Church of Pueblo, the Reverend Father Charles A. Buswell, a secular priest, Urban, pastor of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ the King, from the dioceses of Oklahoma City and Tulsa. — To the titular bishopric of Emmaus, the Reverend Father Iolanthe Nuzzi, a canon of the Metropolitan Chapter of Bari, whom it has appointed as an Auxiliary to the Most Reverend Father Marcellus S. R. E. Cardinal Mimmi, Bishop of Sabina and Mandelensis.

II. NOMINATION. By decree dated May 18, 1959, the Sacred Congregation Consistorial appointed the Most Reverend Father Aloysius Concha, Archbishop of Bogota, as the Military Vicar of Columbia.

III. LOJANA - ZAMORENSIS. DECREE CONCERNING THE CHANGE OF BOUNDARIES. Wishing to promote the spiritual well-being of the Christian faithful in the region commonly called "Cantón Chinchique," belonging to the diocese of Loja, the Most Reverend Father Opilius Rossi, titular Archbishop of Ancyra, while serving as Apostolic Nuncio in the Republic of Ecuador, requested that the Apostolic See separate the territory

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of the aforementioned region, "Cantón Chinchique," from the diocese of Loja and assign it to the Apostolic Vicariate of Zamora, having received favorable opinions from the Most Reverend Father John Maria Riofrio, Bishop of Loja, and the cathedral chapter of the same diocese. Our Holy Father John, by Divine Providence, Pope XXIII, after consultation with the undersigned Cardinal of the Sacred Congregation Consistorial, and with the secretariate...

[*Latin ed. p. 648*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See – Official Commentary 648. The Most Eminent Cardinal Prefect of the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, having considered the petitions presented to him for the benefit of souls, deemed them to be suitably received and decreed accordingly. Therefore, with the consent of those who are interested, or are presumed to be interested, and to the extent necessary, and exercising the fullness of Apostolic power, the entire territory, as now defined by civil law, commonly called "Cantón Chinchique," is detached from the diocese of Loja and permanently assigned to the Apostolic Vicariate of Zamora, together with all its houses, ecclesiastical goods, and pious foundations, so that the boundaries of both ecclesiastical jurisdictions are altered accordingly. All acts and documents pertaining to the aforementioned territory shall be transmitted from the archives of the Loja Curia to the archives of the Zamora Curia as soon as possible. Furthermore, with regard to the clergy, His Holiness has decreed that, as soon as the present Decree is put into effect, priests legitimately holding a benefice or ecclesiastical office, and clerics legitimately residing, in the aforementioned territory, shall remain incardinated in the Apostolic Vicariate of Zamora. To accomplish all of this, Our Lord has deigned to appoint the Pontifical Delegate who is actively administering the Apostolic Nunciature in the Republic of Ecuador, granting him the necessary and appropriate powers, including the power to delegate to any person holding an ecclesiastical office, the task of submitting to the Holy Congregation Consistorial an authentic copy of the act of execution completed. Concerning the matters above, the present Consistorial Decree has been issued, to be of the same validity as if Apostolic Letters had been issued under the papal seal. Given in Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Congregation Consistorial, on the 18th day of the month of April, in the year 1959.

[Signature]

†B MARCELLUS, Cardinal Mimmi, Bishop of Sabina and Mondello, Secretary.

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Joseph Ferretto, Archbishop titular of Serdica, Assistant.

[*Latin ed. p. 649*]

The Sacred Consistorial Congregation, 649 IV, PORTALEGRENSIS IN BRASILIA, PASSOFUNDENSIS, CAXIENSIS, DECREE CONCERNING THE ALTERATION OF DIOCESAN BOUNDARIES.

Consulting the greater good of souls, the Most Reverend Fathers, the Most Reverend Alfred Vincent Scherer, Archbishop of Portalegre in Brazil, Claudius Colling, Bishop of Passo Fundo, and Benedict Zorzi, Bishop of Duque de Caxias, unanimously requested the Apostolic See to somewhat alter the boundaries of their respective territories, so that they might be more suitably arranged.

The Sacred Consistorial Congregation, having considered the favorable opinion of the Most Reverend Father Armand Lombardi, titular Archbishop of Caesarea Philippi and Apostolic Nuncio in the Federated States of Brazil, and recognizing that such alterations would contribute to the eternal salvation of souls, and exercising the special faculties granted to it by the Most Holy Pope John, by the Divine Providence, XXIII, graciously approved these requests.

Therefore, with the consent of those who are concerned, or are presumed to be concerned, and in order that what is necessary may be accomplished, the entire territory of the municipality of Mussum and the civil district of Santa Lucia do Piai, belonging to the municipality of Caxias do Sul, is separated from the archdiocese of Portalegre in Brazil, and is assigned to the diocese of Duque de Caxias, so that the entire territory of the aforementioned municipalities of Mussum and Caxias do Sul, as now defined by civil law, belongs to the diocese of Duque de Caxias.

Furthermore, this Sacred Congregation separates the territory of the municipalities of Guaporé and Casca, as well as the civil district of Maria, belonging to the municipality of Marau, from the archdiocese of Portalegre in Brazil, and permanently attaches it to the diocese of Passo Fundo, so that the entire territory of the aforementioned municipalities of Guaporé, Casca, and Marau, as now defined by civil law, belongs to the diocese of Passo Fundo.

The Sacred Consistorial Congregation, having thus altered the boundaries of the archdiocese of Portalegre in Brazil and the dioceses of Passo Fundo and Duque de Caxias, orders that the documents and all acts pertaining to the aforementioned territories be transferred from the Curia of Portalegre in Brazil to the Curia of the diocese to which they have now been assigned; and with regard to the clergy, it decrees that...

[*Latin ed. p. 650*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See – Official Commentary 650, along with the present Decree, having been enacted, it is thereby declared that the priests

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of the Church are considered to be assigned to that territory, within which they legitimately hold a benefice or ecclesiastical office; and that the other clerics of the Church remain incardinated in that territory, within which they have a legitimate domicile. For all of these matters, the aforementioned Most Reverend Father, Armandus Lombardi, has been appointed by the same Holy Congregation to oversee the execution, granting him the necessary and appropriate powers, including the power to delegate to any man holding an ecclesiastical office, the task of submitting to the same Holy Congregation, as soon as possible, an authentic copy of the act of execution completed. With regard to these matters, the present Consistorial Decree shall be valid as if Apostolic Letters had been issued under the papal seal. Contrary provisions to the contrary notwithstanding. Given at Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory, on the 27th day of the month of April, in the year 1959. S.S. MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI, Bishop of Sabina and Mondello, Secretary. L. © S. f. JOSEPHUS FERRETTO, Archbishop titular of Serdica, Assistant. ANTEQUERENSIS - TEHUANTEPECENSIS DECREE CONCERNING THE CHANGE OF BOUNDARIES OF DIOCESES. With a view to the greater good of souls, the Most Reverend Aloysius Raimondi, titular Archbishop of Tarsus and Apostolic Delegate in the Republic of Mexico, requested that a portion of the territory of the civil districts commonly known as Yautepec, Mixes, and Chodpam, which lies within the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Antequera, be separated from that archdiocese and attached to the Diocese of Tehuantepec, so that the ecclesiastical boundaries may coincide with the civil boundaries. The Sacred Consistory, having considered the favorable opinions of the Most Reverend Fathers, Furtini Gómez León, Archbishop of Antequera, and Jesus Villareal Fierro, Bishop of Tehuantepec, by virtue of special powers granted to it by His Most Holy Father John, by the Divine Providence.

[*Latin ed. p. 651*]

The Sacred Consistorial Congregation, having considered the matter and having received the petitions, has decided to grant them with benevolence. Therefore, after having ascertained, to the extent that it is necessary, the consent of those who have an interest in the matter, or are presumed to have such an interest, it separates from the archdiocese of Antequera the entire portion of territory, namely the civil districts commonly called Yautepec, Mixes, and Choápam, which we have mentioned, and permanently attaches it to the diocese of Tehuantepec, changing, in this way, the boundaries of both ecclesiastical jurisdictions. Furthermore, it decrees that the clergy who have a legitimate domicile in the aforementioned territory shall be considered as belonging to the diocese of Tehuantepec as soon as the present decree is put into effect; and also that all acts and documents pertaining to the clergy, the faithful, and the temporal goods of the same territory shall, as soon as possible,

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be transmitted from the Curia of Antequera to the Curia of Tehuantepec. For all of these matters to be carried out, the aforementioned Sacred Consistorial Congregation appoints the Most Reverend Father Aloysius Raimondi, granting him the necessary and appropriate powers, including the power to delegate, for the purpose in question, any man holding an ecclesiastical office, with the obligation imposed upon him to remit to the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, as soon as it is permissible, an authentic copy of the act of execution carried out. Concerning these matters, the present Consistorial Decree has been issued, to be of the same validity as if it were given with Apostolic Letters sealed with the leaden seal. Given in Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, on the 23rd day of the month of May, in the year 1959. SB MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI, Bishop of Sabina and Mandelia, Secretary. L. © S. Ernestus Civardi, Substitute.

[*Latin ed. p. 652*]

652 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary. SACRED CONGREGATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH. PROVISIONS CONCERNING CHURCHES. His Most Holy Lord Pope John, by Divine Providence, Pope XXIII, has provided for the following Churches with new Pastors, namely: on February 12, 1959. — To the titular episcopal Church of Octaba, he appointed the Reverend Michael Kien Samophithak, a priest of the secular clergy, whom he established as the Apostolic Vicar of Tharen. on March 5. — To the titular episcopal Church of Arcista, he appointed the Reverend Paul Piché, of the Congregation of the Oblates of the Most Holy Virgin Mary Immaculate, whom he established as the Apostolic Vicar of Mackenzie. on March 17. — To the titular episcopal Church of Justinianopolis in Galicien, he appointed the Reverend Peter Pham Tan, a priest of the secular clergy, whom he established as Coadjutor with the right of succession to the Most Reverend Aloysius de Cooman, Apostolic Vicar of Than-hoa. on April 9. — To the cathedral Church of Tsiroanomandidy, newly erected, he appointed the Reverend Angel Martínez, of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity for the Redemption of Captives. on April 25. — To the titular episcopal Church of Lebedus, he appointed the Reverend Joseph Nkongolo, a priest of the secular clergy, whom he established as the Apostolic Vicar of the newly erected Apostolic Vicariate of Luebaë. — To the cathedral Church of Nzerekore, newly erected, he appointed the Reverend Eugene Maillât, of the Society of African Missions. — To the cathedral Church of Tulearen, he appointed the Reverend Michael Canonne, of the Augustinians of the Assumption. — To the titular archiepiscopal Church of Gabala, he appointed the Reverend Vivian Anthony Dyer, a priest of the secular clergy, Apostolic Protonotary "ad instar," whom he established as Coadjutor with the right of succession to the Most Reverend Ferdinand Périer, Archbishop of Calcutta. on May 14. — To the metropolitan Church

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of Nagasaki, newly erected, he appointed the Most Reverend Paul Ai jiro Yamaguchi, formerly Bishop of Nagasaki. — To the cathedral Church of Mouilaë, newly erected, he appointed the Reverend Raymond Lamoureyre, of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit. on May 15. — To the titular episcopal Church of Abaradira, he appointed the Most Reverend Joseph Byrne, formerly Bishop of Moshi. — To the titular archiepiscopal Church of Lemnus, he appointed the Most Reverend William Thomas Porter, of the Society of Missions to Africans, formerly Archbishop of the Cape Coast.

[*Latin ed. p. 653*]

The Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, May 21st, in the year 653. — To the Reverend Father Franciscus Janssen, of the Congregation of the Missions, who has been appointed titular Bishop of the Coeliana Church, and who is established as Apostolic Vicar of Gimmaen.

II. NOMINATIONS

By Decrees, as detailed below, the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith has made the following announcements:

January 23rd, 1959. — Reverend Father Albertus Zambrano Palacios, O.F.M., appointed Apostolic Prefect of Ganelos.

April 3rd. — Reverend Father Firminus a Catherina, O.F.M. Cap., appointed Apostolic Prefect of Mendes.

April 27th. — Reverend Father Urbanus Murphy, C.P., appointed Apostolic Prefect of the newly established Apostolic Prefecture of Bechuanaland.

III. DELHIENSIS

The Archdiocese of Delhi and Simla shall henceforth be called (DELHIENSIS) alone.

Since, by a Decree issued today by this Sacred Dicastery, a portion of the territory has been separated from the Archdiocese of Delhi and Simla, in order to establish a new Diocese of Simla, it has been deemed necessary to change the name of the aforementioned Archdiocese of Delhi and Simla, so that, abandoning the designation of Simla, it shall henceforth be called only the Archdiocese of Delhi.

This proposal has been approved by the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, by virtue of the powers granted to it by His Holiness, Pope John Divine Providence XXIII, and the present Decree concerning this matter has been ordered to be drawn up.

Given at Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, on the 4th day of the month of June, in the year of Our Lord 1959.

G. P. Card. AGAGIANIAN, Pro-Prefect

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Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 654 iv BELLARY, NELLORE, HYDERABAD. DECREE CONCERNING THE ALTERATION OF DIOCESAN BOUNDARIES.

Since the greater part of the territory of the Diocese of Bellary extends into the State of Mysore, with the exception of the "taluks," or administrative divisions of the districts of Raydrug, Adoni, Alur, Alumpur, Gadwal, Tandur, and Godangal, which belong to the State of Andhra Pradesh, the Most Reverend Prelate, John Forest Hogan, requested that three of these "taluks," namely Raydrug, Adoni, and Alur, be united to the Diocese of Nellore, and that the remaining four, namely Alumpur, Gadwal, Tandur, and Godangal, be united to the Archdiocese of Hyderabad; both of these ecclesiastical jurisdictions being located within the State of Andhra Pradesh. These requests, having been considered by this Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, with the agreement of the Most Reverend Prelate, William Bouter, Bishop of Nellore, and the Most Reverend Prelate, Mark Gopu, Archbishop of Hyderabad, and with the favorable opinion of the Most Reverend Prelate, James Robert Knox, Archbishop of Melitene and Apostolic Delegate in India, and by virtue of the powers granted to it by His Holiness, Pope John Divine Providence XXIII, this Sacred Congregation, graciously accepting the aforementioned requests, has separated the aforementioned "taluks," or administrative divisions, from the Diocese of Bellary, and has united them to the Diocese of Nellore and the Archdiocese of Hyderabad, as indicated above, and has ordered the present Decree to be drawn up concerning this matter.

Given at Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, on the 3rd day of July in the year of Our Lord 1959.

G. P. Card. AGAGIANIAN, Pro-Prefect.

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[*Latin ed. p. 655*]

Sacred Penitentiary Apostolic 655. ACTS OF THE TRIBUNALS. SACRED PENITENTIARY APOTOLIC (OFFICE OF INDULGENCES). I. PRAYERS FOR PARENTS TO BE RECITED BY STUDENTS OF SEMINARIES, ISSUED BY THE SACRED CONGREGATION FOR SEMINARIES AND UNIVERSITIES, AND AWARDED INDULGENCES. Pater Noster, Ave Maria, and Gloria Patri.

I. To God the Father. *Ad Deum Patrem*. Kneel before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; 1$ From whom every paternity in the heavens and on earth is named. (Eph. 3, 14-15). Prayer: O God, who hast commanded us to honor our father and mother: grant, we beseech Thee, that our parents, humbly serving Thee, may be freed from all adversities, and may deserve,

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with Thy help, to attain to eternal rewards. Who livest and reignest in the ages of ages. Amen.

II. To Christ, the Son of God. *Ad Christum Dei Filium*. May Thy Father and Thy Mother rejoice, O my King. And may she who bore Thee exult. (Prov. 23, 25). Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, who, subject to Mary and Joseph, didst advance in age, wisdom, and grace: mercifully grant that, through their merits, we, with the joy and exultation of our parents, may be able to learn goodness, discipline, and knowledge, faithfully observing the divine vocation according to Thy purpose. Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit in the ages of ages. Amen.

III. To the Holy Spirit. *Ad Spiritum Sanctum*. They carried Jesus, His parents, to Jerusalem, O my King, 2$ That He might be presented to the Lord. (Luke 2, 22). Prayer: Fill, Holy Spirit, the hearts of our parents; and make,

[*Latin ed. p. 656*]

656 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale. : _ — . that, following their example, many of the Christian people may rejoice, for the glory of Thy Name, in the good of the Church and the salvation of souls, to entrust their children to the Lord. Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Son, world without end. Amen. On the 13th of August, 1959. The Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary, by virtue of the powers granted to it by the Most Holy Pope John XXIII, benignly grants the following Indulgences to students of Seminaries: 1) a partial Indulgence of at least five hundred days, if they have piously recited the prayers mentioned above for their parents; 2) a plenary Indulgence, to be obtained under the aforementioned conditions, once a month, if they faithfully recite the same prayers every day throughout the entire month. Contrary impediments notwithstanding. N. Card. CANALI, Major Penitentiary. L. S. I. Rossi, Secretary II. DECREE CONCERNING THE PIOUS EXERCISE PRIVATELY PERFORMED, KNOWN AS THE "HOLY HOUR," WHICH INCREASES INDULGENCES. To the faithful who, in any church or public or (for those who legitimately use them) semi-public oratory, have privately devotedly performed for a full hour the pious exercise, commonly called the "Holy Hour," for the purpose of remembering the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ and to foster the ardent love by which He instituted the Divine Eucharist, a plenary Indulgence is granted, in addition to the partial Indulgence of ten years (cf. Enchiridion Indulgentiarum, ed. 1952, n. 168), provided that they have received the Sacrament of Confession and the Holy Eucharist, and have offered prayers according to the mind of the Supreme Pontiff. Contrary impediments notwithstanding. Given from the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary, on the 13th of August, in the year 1959. N. Card. CANALI,

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Major Penitentiary. L. S. I. Rossi, Secretary.

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Tribunal Vicariatus Urbis 657

TRIBUNAL VICARIATUS URBIS

Citation éditoriale concernant la nullité du mariage

(GAVAZZA - OLEKSZYSZYN)

Puisque le lieu actuel de résidence de Monsieur Casimir Olekszyszyn, né dans le lieu désigné « Cernauti » (Rumehen) le 25 avril 1914, est inconnu, et étant donné qu'il est partie dans la cause concernant la nullité du mariage, dont il est question ci-dessus, nous citons ledit Monsieur pour qu'il se présente, en personne ou par un procureur légitimement constitué, dans les locaux de notre Tribunal le 15 octobre 1959, à 10 heures du matin, afin qu'il manifeste sa volonté concernant l'action intentée par Madame Anne Maria Gavazza pour obtenir la déclaration de nullité du mariage, et afin qu'il se prononce sur la question, ou du moins qu'il signe la formule suivante :

Est-il établi qu'il y a nullité du mariage dans ce cas ?

Nous exhortons les Très Révérends Ordinaires des lieux, les Révérends Curés et Prêtres, et tous les fidèles qui connaissent de quelque manière que ce soit le lieu de résidence du dit Monsieur Casimir Olekszyszyn, à veiller à ce qu'il soit informé de cette citation.

* Petrus Santini, Officier des locaux du Tribunal Vicariatus Urbis, le 11 août 1959.

V. Frazzano, Chancelier

* On ignore le lieu de la demeure actuelle de Monsieur Casimir Olekszyszyn, défendeur dans cette cause, nous le citons à comparaître, par sa propre personne ou par un procureur légitimement constitué, au siège du Tribunal du Vicariat de Rome (Roma, Via della Pigna, 13-a) le 15 octobre 1959, à 10 heures, pour concourir ou souscrire le doute ci-dessous rapporté. Est-il établi qu'il y a nullité du mariage dans le cas ? Les Ordinaires des lieux, les curés, les prêtres, les fidèles ayant connaissance du lieu de la résidence du dit Monsieur Casimir Olekszyszyn, devront, dans la mesure du possible, l'avertir de la présente citation.

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[*Latin ed. p. 658*]

On Wednesday, August 19, 1959, the Holy Father John XXIII received in a solemn audience His Excellency, Dr. Fernando Aldunate Errazuriz, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Chile, for the presentation

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of his credentials.

SACRED CONGREGATION OF RITES

On Tuesday, May 12, 1959, in the Palace of Congregations at St. Callisto, in the presence of His Eminence, the Most Reverend Cardinal Benedetto Aloisi Masella, Bishop of Palestrina, Promoter or Relator of the Cause of the Servant of God, Pius Brunone Lanieri, founder of the Congregation of the Oblates of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Sacred Congregation of Rites convened in its preparatory session, in which the Reverend Prelates and the Reverend Theological Consultors discussed the heroic virtues of the aforementioned Servant of God.

On Tuesday, May 26, 1959, the Sacred Congregation of Rites convened in its ordinary session, in the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican, in which the Eminent and Reverend Lords Cardinals and the Reverend Prelates discussed the introduction of the Cause of the Servant of God, Guido Maria Conforti, Archbishop-Bishop of Parma, founder of the Pious Society of St. Francis Xavier for Foreign Missions, and they examined the reports of the theological revisers concerning the writings of the Servants of God, Domenico Ibáñez de Erquicia and his Companions, Martyrs, of the Order of the Friars Preachers, Maria of St. Joseph Parra and Coleta Meléndez, virgins.

On Tuesday, June 9, 1959, the Sacred Congregation of Rites convened in its preparatory session, in the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican, in which the Eminent and Reverend Lords Cardinals, the Reverend Prelates, and the Reverend Theological Consultors discussed two miracles, which are said to have been wrought through the intercession of the Blessed Bertilla Boscardin, virgin, of the Institute of the Sisters Maestre of St. Dorothea, Daughters of the Sacred Hearts! The same Eminent Lords Cardinals and Reverend Prelates also examined the reports of the theological censors concerning the writings of the Servants of God, Giuseppe Gras y Granollers, priest, founder of the Daughters of Christ the King, and Giuseppina Bakhita, professed nun of the Congregation of the Daughters of Charity.

On Tuesday, June 23, 1959, the Sacred Congregation of Rites convened in its ordinary session, in the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican, in which the Eminent and Reverend Lords Cardinals and the Reverend Prelates discussed the introduction of the Cause of the Servant of God, Simone De Bussières, professed priest of the Order of the Friars Minor. They also examined the reports of the theological censors concerning the writings of the Servant of God, Giorgio Matulewicz-Matulevicius, or Matu-

[*Latin ed. p. 659*]

From the Roman Curial Diary, number 659: The Most Reverend Monsignor, titular Archbishop of Aduli, reformer of the Congregation of Reg-

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ular Clerics of the Immaculate Conception, and founder of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. On Tuesday, July 7, 1959, in the Palace of the Apostolic Datary, in the presence of His Eminence, the Most Reverend Cardinal Frederick Tedeschini, Bishop of Frascati, Promoter or Relator of the Cause of the Servant of God Antonia Maria of Mercy, foundress of the Oblate Sisters of the Most Holy Redeemer, the Holy Congregation of Rites, in its preparatory session, was convened, in which the Reverend Prelates and the Reverend Theological Consultors discussed the heroic virtues of the aforementioned Servant of God. On Tuesday, July 21, 1959, in the new Palace of Congregations in Piazza Pio XII, in the presence of His Eminence, the Most Reverend Cardinal Clemente Micara, Bishop of Velletri, Promoter or Relator of the Cause of the Servant of God Augusto Etchécopar, priest of the Congregation of Priests of the Sacred Heart of Livias, the Holy Congregation of Rites, in its preparatory session, was convened, in which the Reverend Prelates and the Reverend Theological Consultors discussed the heroic virtues of the aforementioned Servant of God.

SECRETARY OF STATE – APPOINTMENTS. By Apostolic Briefs, the Holy Father John XXIII, happily reigning, deigned to appoint:

April 25, 1959. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Monsignor Bruniera Alfred, titular Archbishop of Claudiopolis of Onoriade, Apostolic Nuncio to Equator.

May 5. The Most Reverend and Eminent Cardinal Castaldo Alfonso, Protector of the Sisters Victims of Expiation of the Most Holy Sacrament (Casoria, Naples).

June 13. The Most Reverend and Eminent Cardinal Ciriaci Peter, Protector of the Mercedarian Sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament (Mexico).

June 26. The Most Reverend and Eminent Cardinal Ottaviani Alfred, Protector of the Missionary Clarissan Sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament (Quernavaca, Mexico).

July 10. The Most Reverend and Eminent Cardinal Cento Fernando, Protector of the "Carmelitas Descalzas Misioneras" (Barcelona).

July. The Most Reverend and Eminent Cardinal Roberti Francis, Protector of the Little Sisters of the Sacred Heart (Poggio a Caiano, Florence).

July 31. The Most Reverend and Eminent Cardinal Tedeschini Frederick, Protector of the Sisters Daughters of the Immaculate Conception (Buenos Aires).

[*Latin ed. p. 660*]

From the *Acta Apostolicae Sedis* – Official Commentary, with a note from the Secretary of State dated August 16, 1958, the Most Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, of venerable memory, deigned to appoint His Excellency, the Reverend Monsignor Giordani Anthony, titular Archbishop of Larissa of Thessaly, as Assistant to the Holy See. With notes from the Secretary of

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State, the Most Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, reigning happily, deigned to appoint: August 4, 1959. The Eminent and Reverend Lords, Cardinals Cicognani Gaetano, Cento Fernando, and Roberti Francesco, as Members of the Sacred Congregation of the Reverend Fabric of St. Peter. September 31st: His Excellency, the Reverend Monsignor Testa Giacomo, titular Archbishop of Eraclea, as Consultor of the Sacred Congregation of Religious. September 9th: The Illustrious and Reverend Monsignors Pasquazi Giuseppe, Bonet y Muixi Emanuele, and Pinna Giovanni; the Reverend Fathers Agatangelo, of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, and Fabregas Michele, of the Society of Jesus, as Consultors of the Sacred Congregation of the Discipline of the Sacraments. Likewise, with notes from the Secretary of State, the Most Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, reigning happily, deigned to appoint: As Assistant to the Holy See: July 24, 1959. His Excellency, the Reverend Monsignor Piazzi Giuseppe, Bishop of Bergamo. Prelates domestic to His Holiness: March 6th: Monsignor Van Der Puije Samuel Washington, of the diocese of Accra. Monsignor Lacroix George, of the diocese of Arras. Monsignor O'Mahony James, of the archdiocese of Los Angeles. Monsignor Moclair John, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Lloyd-Russel Vincent, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Hurley Daniel, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Falvey Dionysius, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor English Thomas P., of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Bradley Christopher Joseph, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Roche Patrick Joseph, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Brouwers Anthony J., of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Burque Charles, of the diocese of Manchester. Monsignor Schermesser Joseph, of the diocese of Natchez-Jackson. Monsignor Rolland Henry, of the diocese of Nîmes. Monsignor Taddei Telio, of the archdiocese of Pisa.

[*Latin ed. p. 661*]

Diarium Romanae Curiae, March 6th, 1959.

Most Reverend Edward O'Leary, of the diocese of Portland (Maine).

Most Reverend John Kern, of the diocese of Segovia.

Most Reverend Primo Moglia, of the diocese of Bobbio.

Most Reverend Giuseppe Monteverde, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Anthony Bufiblano, of the archdiocese of Capua.

Most Reverend Pasquale Büro, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend John Moretta, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Francesco De Crescenzo, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Charles Capros, of the diocese of Lugoj.

Most Reverend Charles Migliorati, of the diocese of Pistoia.

Most Reverend Carmelo Tornasi, of the diocese of Ragusa.

Most Reverend Daniel Joseph Bourke, of the diocese of Savannah.

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Most Reverend Thomas Louis Brennan, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Hermann Joseph Deimel, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Andrew Joseph McDonald, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Henry Joseph Soenneker, of the diocese of Saint Cloud.

Most Reverend Vincent Barale, of the archdiocese of Turin.

Most Reverend Vincent Ross, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Alphonse Deegan, of the archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

Most Reverend Leslie Clarence McKenna, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Alexander John McGilvray, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Augustine Henry O'Connor, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Pasquale Borrelli, of the archdiocese of Naples.

Most Reverend Peter Joseph Cirillo, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Francis Luisi, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Joseph Panariello, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Joseph Trümmer, of the diocese of Segovia.

Most Reverend Anthony De Vitis, of the diocese of Ugento.

Most Reverend Francis L. Desmond, of the diocese of Wilmington.

Most Reverend Rodrigo B. Dwyer, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Joseph A. Enright, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Mario Villa, of the diocese of Como.

Most Reverend Joseph Sondag, of the diocese of Des Moines.

Most Reverend Francis Valdivieso, of the diocese of Loja.

Most Reverend Alfred Caselle, of the diocese of Melfi-Rapolla.

Most Reverend Abel Care, of the diocese of Metz.

Most Reverend Celestino Schivre, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend George Stenger, of the same diocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 662*]

Acta 662, April 10th. » » » » » » April 17th, 24th. » » » » April 28th, 30th. » » » May 15th. » » » May 22nd. » » » June 19th. *Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale*, 1959.

Most Reverend John Valentiny, of the diocese of Metz.

Most Reverend Peter Robin, of the archdiocese of Rennes.

Most Reverend Henry Bianconi, (Rome).

Most Reverend Umberto Banci, of the diocese of Orvieto.

Most Reverend Nicola Palmarini, of the diocese of Albenga.

Most Reverend Paul Pouget, of the diocese of Angoulême.

Most Reverend Italo Pignatelli, of the archdiocese of Brindisi.

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Most Reverend Adam Pucci, of the diocese of Fano.

Most Reverend Saverio Paventi, of the archdiocese of Benevento.

Most Reverend Pompeo Borgna, of the diocese of Civita Castellana.

Most Reverend Edward Pecoraio, of the diocese of Montalto.

Most Reverend Luigi Catenelli, of the archdiocese of Camerino.

Most Reverend Joseph Monticone, of the archdiocese of Turin.

Most Reverend Raymond Etteldorf, of the archdiocese of Dubuque.

Most Reverend Angelo Torre, of the diocese of Castellammare di Stabia.

Most Reverend Michael Vitale, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Oscar Reschigg, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Joseph Priero, of the diocese of Alba.

Most Reverend John Sanguineti, of the diocese of Chiavari.

Most Reverend John Proni, of the diocese of Imola.

Most Reverend Francis Basciano, of the archdiocese of Lanciano.

Most Reverend Guy Roffl, (Rome).

Most Reverend Dominic Becchetti, of the diocese of Nocera and Gualdo Tadino.

Secret Chamberlains *in perpetuum* of His Holiness, November 21st, 1958.

Most Reverend Patrick Ahern, of the archdiocese of New York.

Most Reverend John Driscoll, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Timothy Flynn, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Charles McManus, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Henry Cauley, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Joseph O'Brien, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Gregory Mooney, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Walter Darcy, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Jeremiah Brennan, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Patrick Frawley, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend James McKeown, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Henry Vier, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Vincent Downey, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend James Rea, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Joseph Vincent Caro, of the diocese of Girardot.

December 11th.

Most Reverend Julius Maisin, of the archdiocese of Malines.

Most Reverend Bernard Van Den Bosch, of the same archdiocese.

December 17th.

Most Reverend Daniel Tarrant, of the archdiocese of Dubuque.

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January 9th, 1959.

Most Reverend George Kerr, of the archdiocese of Boston.

January 11th.

Most Reverend Michael G. Kelliher, of the diocese of Des Moines.

[*Latin ed. p. 663*]

Diarium Romanae Curiae 663, January 11, 1959.

Most Reverend Monsignor Tennessen Milo B., of the diocese of Des Moines.

Most Reverend Monsignor Moriarty Thomas J., of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Marasco Paul Frederick, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Zuch Francis Thomas, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Conley Raymond James, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Harkin Edward James, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Diaz Macario, of the archdiocese of New Segovia.

Most Reverend Monsignor Valdes Dionysius, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Agrestini Dominic, of the diocese of Nepi.

Most Reverend Monsignor Holböck Ferdinand, of the archdiocese of Salzburg.

Most Reverend Monsignor Panozzo Louis, of the diocese of Padua.

Most Reverend Monsignor Latifondi Joseph, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Sebben Vincent, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Calleja Gera Franco, of the archdiocese of Malta, February 3.

Most Reverend Monsignor Hayden Cary T., of the diocese of Grand Island.

Most Reverend Monsignor Casanova Arnold L., of the diocese of Marquette.

Most Reverend Monsignor Flores Felixberto, of the apostolic vicariate of Guam.

Most Reverend Monsignor Parisotto Fulvio, of the archdiocese of Pisa.

Most Reverend Monsignor De Petro Vito, of the diocese of Caltagirone, March 6.

Most Reverend Monsignor Macario Joseph, of the diocese of Cuneo.

Most Reverend Monsignor Noto Angelo, of the diocese of Agrigento.

Most Reverend Monsignor Sortino Francis, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Burgio Joseph, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Lauricella Calogero, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Cucchiara John, of the same diocese.

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Most Reverend Monsignor Tucek James, of the diocese of Dallas-Fort Worth.

Most Reverend Monsignor Albrecht Otto, of the apostolic administration of Innsbruck.

Most Reverend Monsignor Fulignati Emilio, of the diocese of Pistoia.

Most Reverend Monsignor Biazzo John, of the diocese of Ragusa.

Most Reverend Monsignor Corallo John, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Scalone John, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Schembari Salvatore, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Vassallo Anthony, of the archdiocese of Capua.

Most Reverend Monsignor Nicotra Gregory, of the diocese of Acireale.

Most Reverend Monsignor Cecchetti Angelo, of the diocese of Orte, April 3.

Most Reverend Monsignor Zocco Joseph, of the diocese of Ugento.

Most Reverend Monsignor Taggart Paul I., of the diocese of Wilmington.

Most Reverend Monsignor Castelli Andrea, of the diocese of Bergamo.

Most Reverend Monsignor Alule Isidore, of the diocese of Gulu.

Most Reverend Monsignor Tundru Paul, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Monsignor Tesolin Lawrence, of the diocese of Concordia.

Most Reverend Monsignor Persiani Paschal, of the abbey of Subiaco.

Most Reverend Monsignor Marinelli Umberto, of the diocese of Trivento.

Most Reverend Monsignor Mondino Stephen, of the diocese of Mondo vi, April 17.

[*Latin ed. p. 664*]

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Most Reverend Gasbarro Vincenzo, of the diocese of Trivento.

Most Reverend Aleo Giuseppe, of the archdiocese of Brindisi.

Most Reverend Spera Giuseppe, of the diocese of Potenza.

Most Reverend Tepedino Anthony, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Fattoruso Gaetano, of the diocese of Castellammare di Stabia.

Most Reverend Nanni Luigi, of the archdiocese of Lucca.

Most Reverend Bernardi Anselm, of the diocese of Padua.

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Most Reverend Pela Andrea, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Terella Nazareno, of the archdiocese of Gaeta.
Most Reverend Patrone Stephen, of the archdiocese of Genoa.
Most Reverend Cereda Angelo, of the archdiocese of Milan.
Most Reverend Di Canio Gerard, of the diocese of Muro Lucano.
Most Reverend Tropiano Salvatore, of the diocese of Diano-Teggiano.
Most Reverend Petescia Ernesto, of the diocese of Isernia.
Most Reverend Doino Angelo, of the diocese of Muro Lucano.
Most Reverend Sommo Lorenzo, of the diocese of Tortona.
Most Reverend Mizzoni Gerard, of the diocese of Veroli-Frosinone.
Most Reverend Maioli Leonida, of the diocese of Forlì.
Most Reverend Strocchi Giuseppe, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Giannattasio Enrico, of the archdiocese of Lanciano.
Most Reverend Salomone Danilo, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Senatore Salvatore, of the diocese of Nocera de' Pagani.
Most Reverend Barreca Filippo, of the diocese of Oppido Mamertina.
Most Reverend Pignataro Giuseppe, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend De Toth Giovanni (Rome).
Most Reverend Casini Ernesto, of the diocese of Ascoli Piceno.
Most Reverend Mollino Fortunato, of the diocese of Chiavari.
Most Reverend Chiuso Francesco, of the archdiocese of Catania.
Most Reverend Di Salvo Salvatore, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Famoso Salvatore, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Torresi Matteo, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Wang Francesco S. T., of the diocese of Fenyang.
Most Reverend Donelli Hector, of the diocese of Fidenza.
Most Reverend Bartocci Nazareno, of the archdiocese of Perugia.
Most Reverend Pulci Nello, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Lopez Emmanuel, of the archdiocese of Verapoly.
Most Reverend Manjaly George, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Nedunilath Augustine, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Squicciarini Donato, of the prelatura "nullius" of Altamura.
Most Reverend Meile Adriano, of the diocese of Basle.
Most Reverend De Andrea Giovanni, of the diocese of Ivrea.
Most Reverend Mouton Burton Charles, of the diocese of Lafayette.
Most Reverend Pasquinelli Dante, of the archdiocese of Lucca.

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Most Reverend Giglio Paul, of the archdiocese of Malta.

[*Latin ed. p. 665*]

Diary of the Roman Curia, July 27, 1959.

Most Reverend John Ruland, of the Archdiocese of Kolin.

Most Reverend John Kleine-Natrop, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Thomas Martin, of the Diocese of Grand Rapids.

Most Reverend Albert Radawski, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Emilio Boscarolli, of the Apostolic Administration of Innsbruck.

Most Reverend Louis Budamaier, of the same Apostolic Administration.

Most Reverend Joseph Danler, of the same Apostolic Administration.

Most Reverend Louis Gfall, of the same Apostolic Administration.

Most Reverend John Katzler, of the same Apostolic Administration.

Most Reverend Charles Knapp, of the same Apostolic Administration.

Most Reverend Charles Koch, of the same Apostolic Administration.

Most Reverend Francis Kolb, of the same Apostolic Administration.

Most Reverend John Conrad Nussbaumer, of the same Apostolic Administration.

Most Reverend Joseph Resch, of the same Apostolic Administration.

Most Reverend John Schoch, of the same Apostolic Administration.

Most Reverend Charles Scheidle, of the same Apostolic Administration.

Most Reverend Francis Metzler, of the same Apostolic Administration.

Most Reverend Lucio Ferritto, of the Diocese of Alife.

Most Reverend Vincent Cinotti, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Espedito Grillo, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Eusebio Rivera Alemán, of the Diocese of Santa Rosa de Copan.

Most Reverend Anthony Russo, of the Diocese of Nocera de' Pagani.

Most Reverend Francis Castagnino, of the Archdiocese of Santa Severina.

Most Reverend Joseph Melhado Campos, of the Archdiocese of Botucatu.

Most Reverend Joseph Maria da Silva Paes, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Francis Van der Maas, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Celso Diego Ferreira, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Oscar de Padua Melo, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Augustine Colturato, of the same Archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Felix Camponovo, of the Diocese of Lugano.

[*Latin ed. p. 666*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 666 August)) »)) » 21 26 » 1959. Monsignor Del Pietro Luigi, of the diocese of Lugano. Monsignor Gianini Emilio, of the same diocese. » Monsignor Leber Alfred, of the same diocese. » Monsignor Pessina Anthony, of the same diocese. Monsignor Snider John, of the same diocese. Castellani Lorenzo, of the suburbicarian diocese of Monsignor » Palestrina. » Monsignor Marianecci Nazarene, of the same diocese. » Monsignor Pesciotti Camillo, of the same diocese. Monsignor Simeoni Agapitus, of the same diocese. » Monsignor Coutinho Joseph da Silva, of the archdiocese of Paraiba. Monsignor Pessoa da Costa Joseph John, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Da Silva Anthony Alfred, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Miranda Severino, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Moreira Raphael de Barros, of the same archdiocese.)) Monsignor De Cristo Emiliano, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor De Melo Silvio Celso, of the same archdiocese. » Monsignor Ferreira Severino Pires, of the same archdiocese. » Monsignor Diniz Joseph Pereira, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Bruschi Anthony, of the diocese of Rimini. Monsignor Polverelli Amedeo, of the same diocese. Monsignor Vasini Joseph, of the same diocese. » Monsignor Sandoval Joseph Teodosio, of the diocese of San Cristóbal (Venezuela). » Monsignor Vivas Bernard, of the same diocese. Monsignor Vivas J. Edmondo, of the same diocese. Monsignor Morgagni Thomas, of the diocese of Forlì. » Monsignor Motta Vaz Michael, of the diocese of Tanjore. Monsignor Pinto Francis, of the same diocese. Monsignor Salati Alexander, of the diocese of Vallo di Lucania. Monsignor Maldonado Francis Armando, of the archdiocese of Caracas. Extraordinary Secret Chamberlains of the Sword and Cape of His Holiness 21 February 1959. Mr. Marchisio Giovenale, of the diocese of Brooklyn. Mr. Doyle Michael F., of the archdiocese of Philadelphia. 25 March The Count Dalla Torre di Sanguinetto Paul (Rome). 20 April The Count Gori Mazzoleni Mario, of the archdiocese of Monte5 May video. 25 The Noble D'Ardia Caracciolo dei Principi di Cursi, Don Fernando, of the archdiocese of Dublin. 20 June » The Count Balsamo Salvatore, of the archdiocese of Brindisi.

[*Latin ed. p. 667*]

Diarium Romanae Curiae, June 20th to July 27th, 1667, 1959.

Mr. Morra, of the House of Princes Roger, of the Archdiocese of Naples.

The Noble Pascucci, Frederick, of the Archdiocese of Trani.

Baron Pennisi di Fioristella, Agostino, of the Diocese of Acireale.

The Noble Tosi, Mario (Rome).

Honorary Chamberlains in attendance before His Holiness: January 16, 1959.

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Most Reverend Zeggl, James, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Musger, Joseph, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Schmidt, Joseph, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Staribacher, Matthias, of the same Archdiocese.

March 13th.

Most Reverend Broinger, Francis, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Hesse, Ervin, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Gegenbauer, Joseph, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Lux, Robert, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Mittelstedt, Frederick, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Poch, Alexander, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Hernández, Jorge Michael, of the Diocese of San Cristoforo della Laguna.

Most Reverend Pérez Alvarez, Michael, of the same Diocese.

April 3rd.

Most Reverend Orlandi, James, of the Abbey of Subiaco.

April 24th.

Most Reverend Cipriani, Mario, of the Archdiocese of Trento.

Most Reverend Mocchiutti, Francis, of the Archdiocese of Udine.

Most Reverend Marusyn, Miroslao Stephen, of the Archdiocese of Leopoli dei Ruteni.

May 29th.

Most Reverend Turkowyd, Basil, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Chôma, John, of the Diocese of Premislia dei Ruteni.

Honorary Chamberlains, extraordinary, of the Sword and Cape of His Holiness: March 27, 1959.

Mr. Bellegrandi, Franco, of the Diocese of Tivoli.

May 8th.

Mr. Anderlini, Boethius (Rome).

May 22nd.

Mr. Massara, Roman (Rome).

June 12th.

Mr. Galeotti, Guy (Rome).

HONORS

By means of letters from the Secretariat of State, the Holy Father, John XXIII, happily reigning, has deigned to bestow:

The Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, civil class: May 25, 1959.

Upon His Excellency, Angelini, Armando (Italy).

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The Commander's Cross of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, military class: November 14, 1958.

Upon Mr. Lacabe-Piasteis, Andrea, of the Diocese of Tarbes and Lourdes.

Upon Mr. Marion, Marcello, of the same Diocese.

June 12, 1959.

Upon Lieutenant Colonel de Bonneval, Gaston (France).

[*Latin ed. p. 668*]

668 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary. The Knighthood of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, civil class: November 13, 1958. To Mr. De Vidts, of Romano, of the diocese of Gand. To Mr. Van Havere, of Romano, of the same diocese. December 3. To Mr. Marcilly Paul, of the Archdiocese of Paris. January 30, 1959. To Mr. Bonnat James (France). To Mr. Lesieur Andrew (France). February 3. To Mr. Hoffman John James, of the diocese of Winona. February 4. To Mr. Murray Edward J., of the diocese of Baker. To Mr. Bouvier Louis, of the Archdiocese of Lyons. February 27. To Mr. Brady Thomas A., of the diocese of Jefferson City. To Mr. Dickson Kenneth H., of the same diocese. To Mr. Dulie Clement W., of the same diocese. To Mr. Orscheln William C, of the same diocese. To Mr. Vetter Alexander J., of the same diocese. To Mr. Cuvelier Camillus, of the Archdiocese of Malines. March 6. To Mr. Debron Roger, of the diocese of Orleans. To Mr. Rozier Joseph, of the same diocese. To Mr. Guillon Charles, of the Archdiocese of Paris. To Mr. Labre Marcellus, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Touzet Emile, of the same Archdiocese. March 13. To Mr. Cuminal Bernard, of the diocese of Amiens. To Mr. Leriche John, of the same diocese. To Mr. Bracci Maximus (Romano). To Mr. De Remusat Paul, of the Archdiocese of Paris. To Mr. Lingelser Julian, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Loisel Andrew, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Vincent Leo, of the same Archdiocese. March 20. To Mr. Talion John, of the diocese of Alexandria (Canada). To Mr. Renaud Marcellus, of the same diocese. To Mr. Bernard Peter, of the Archdiocese of Paris. To Mr. Brandicourt Joseph, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Desdemaines-Hugon Ivo, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Papillon Peter, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Coquebert de Neuville Leontius, of the diocese of Nîmes. April 3. To Mr. Ngorogoza Paul, of the diocese of Mbarara. To Mr. Riquier George, of the Archdiocese of Paris. To Mr. Sorin Alix-Louis, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Queruel George, of the same Archdiocese. April 10. To Mr. Pacchiarmi Dino, of the diocese of Guastalla. To Mr. Cei Igino, of the diocese of Montalcino. To Mr. Palmieri Saint, of the same diocese. To Mr. Toti Emile, of the same diocese. April 17. To Mr. Melaranci Augustus Marcellus, of the suburbicarian diocese of Albano.

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Diarium Romanum, April 17th » » » » » » » » » » » » 24th » » » » » May

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To the Most Reverend Albert, Count of Spilimbergo, of the Archdiocese of Lucca.

To Mr. Paul Durand, of the Diocese of Metz.

To Mr. Renato Ehlinger, of the same Diocese.

To Mr. Renato Jager, of the same Diocese.

To Mr. Edmond Moppert, of the same Diocese.

To Mr. Emilio Francesco Rudolf, of the same Diocese.

To Count Lauro of Spilimbergo (Rome).

To Mr. Michele Patamia, of the Archdiocese of Catania.

To Mr. Alberto Bruno, of the Diocese of Pinerolo.

To Mr. Edoardo Bucalo (Rome).

To Mr. Pietro Zoppi, of the Diocese of La Spezia.

To Mr. Ezio Lazzari, of the Archdiocese of Milan.

To Mr. Camillo Brambilla, of the same Archdiocese.

To Mr. Raffaele Donati von Gralath (Rome).

To Mr. Pietro Pasquazi (Rome).

To Mr. Clelber Giorgi, of the Diocese of Valva and Sulmona.

To Mr. Filippo Blanc (France).

The Knighthood of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, Military Class: November 14th, 1958.

To Mr. Francesco Arzel, of the Diocese of Tarbes and Lourdes.

June 26th, 1959.

To Captain Gaetano De Stefani (Rome).

The Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Sylvester the Pope: December 12th, 1958.

To His Excellency, Baron von Braun Sigismund (Germany).

To His Excellency, Theodore Maunz (Germany).

To His Excellency, Dominic Paul McGuire (Australia).

To His Excellency, Louis Scheyven (Belgium).

To His Excellency, Herbert Alexander Jayatilleke Hulugalle (Ceylon).

To His Excellency, Louis Echavarria (Colombia).

To His Excellency, John Cualla (Colombia).

To His Excellency, Young Kee Kim (Korea).

To His Excellency, Franz Amrhein (Costa Rica).

To His Excellency, Franklin Aguilar Alvarado (Costa Rica).

To His Excellency, James Menasce (Cuba).

To His Excellency, Joachim Salazar (Dominican Republic).

To His Excellency, George Pérez Serrano (Equator).

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To Count Geoffrey de Montalembert (France).

To Duke Augustus de la Force (France).

To His Excellency, Louis Joxe (France).

To His Excellency, Hubert Guérin (France).

To His Excellency, Michael Ydigoras Laparra (Guatemala).

To His Excellency, John Duvigneaud (Haiti).

To His Excellency, Julius Bueso Cáceres (Honduras).

To His Excellency, Denis Devlin (Ireland).

To His Excellency, Eliyahu Sasson (Israel).

To Reverend Father Antonio Maxia (Italy).

[*Latin ed. p. 670*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 670, December 12, 1958. From His Excellency Fracassi of Torre Rossano Cristoforo (Italy). From His Excellency Roche Edmondo (Jordan). To His Excellency Augustin M. J. F. (Malaysia). To His Excellency Wilson Giuseppe Vivian (New Zealand). To His Excellency the Count Henckel von Donnersmark Lazy (S. M. O. M.). To His Excellency Prince De Polignac Guy (S. M. O. M.). To His Excellency Bedoya Santiago (Peru). To His Excellency Fernández Stoll Giorgio (Peru). To His Excellency Regala Roberto (Philippines). To His Excellency Hamid Adeel Omer Abdel (Sudan). To His Excellency Cevat Açikalin Mehmet (Turkey). To His Excellency Pham-Khac-Hy (Viet-Nam). April 24, 1959. To Mr. Escobari Cusicanqui Giorgio (Bolivia). To Mr. González Cortés Venceslao (Bolivia). June 5. To Mr. Brasseur Maurizio, of the diocese of Tournai. And so forth.

The Commander's Cross of the Order of Saint Sylvester Pope: November 14, 1958. To Mr. Colombies Andrea Giovanni, of the diocese of Tarbes and Lourdes. To Mr. Pouey Sanchou Pietro, of the same diocese. January 30, 1959. To Mr. Dupré Raimondo (France). April 3. To Mr. Proksch Frederick, of the diocese of Saint Hippolytus. June 12. To Mr. Lef rane Pietro (France). To Mr. Chauveau Giovanni (France). The Cross of the Order of Saint Sylvester Pope: March 13, May 22, May 29, 1959. To Mr. Airoldi Benigno, of the archdiocese of Milan. To Mr. Del Vescovo Luigi, of the diocese of Alatri. To Mr. Mare Arrigo, of the diocese of Tortona. The Commander's Cross of the Order of Saint Sylvester Pope: November 14, 1958. To Mr. Dazet Giuliano, of the diocese of Tarbes and Lourdes. To Mr. Jacconi Pietro, of the same diocese. To Mr. Partimbene Giovanni Giorgio, of the same diocese. February 13, 1959. To Mr. Cordero Crespo Luigi, of the archdiocese of Cuenca. To Mr. Ramírez Sacoto Raffaele, of the same archdiocese. February 27. To Mr. Biebuyck Alberto, of the archdiocese of Malines. To Mr. Heymans Giovanni Walter, of the same archdiocese. To Mr. Heymans Willy, of the same archdiocese. To Mr. Provis Andrea, of the same archdiocese. March 6. To Mr. Casciani Filippo, of the apostolic vicariate of Eritrea. To

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Mr. Dive Gustavo, of the diocese of Liegi.

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To the Reverend Mr. Rovigatti Gian Carlo, of the Archdiocese of Ferrara.

To the Reverend Mr. Giussani Carlo, of the Archdiocese of Milan.

To the Reverend Mr. Gisclard Robert, of the Archdiocese of Paris.

To the Reverend Mr. Hartmann Giulio, of the Archdiocese of Vienne.

To the Reverend Mr. Catalani Francesco, of the Archdiocese of Ancona.

To the Reverend Mr. Volpini Giovanni, of the Diocese of Chiusi and Pienza.

To the Reverend Mr. De Marinis Luigi, of the Archdiocese of L'Aquila.

To the Reverend Mr. Agostoni Oreste, of the Archdiocese of Milan.

To the Reverend Mr. Boscarino Giuseppe Stanislao, of the Diocese of Ragusa.

To the Reverend Mr. Maggiore Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Pisana Carmelo, of the same diocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Vismara Anthony, of the Archdiocese of Milan.

To the Reverend Mr. Prodi Mario, of the Diocese of Reggio-Emilia.

To the Reverend Mr. Sabbadini Bruno, of the same diocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Bauer Agostino, of the Archdiocese of Salzburg.

April.

To the Reverend Mr. Werner Ernesto, of the Diocese of Sant'Ippolito.

To the Reverend Mr. Fitzinger Giuseppe, of the Archdiocese of Vienne.

To the Reverend Mr. Gartner Leopoldo, of the same Archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Krammer Giuseppe Otto, of the same Archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Sclieibenreif Luigi, of the same Archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Berardinelli Pasquale, of the Diocese of Trivento.

To the Reverend Mr. Colaneri Silvio, of the same diocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Finocchiaro Pietro, of the Diocese of Acireale.

To the Reverend Mr. Padoan Mario, of the Diocese of Chioggia.

To the Reverend Mr. Mongili Mario, of the Diocese of Bosa.

To the Reverend Mr. Maffeo Natale, of the Archdiocese of Lucca.

To the Reverend Mr. Dessi Stanislao, of the Archdiocese of Sassari.

To the Reverend Mr. Restelli Carlo Emanuele, of the Archdiocese of Milan.

To the Reverend Mr. Restelli Felice, of the same Archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Tori Adelmo, of the Diocese of Nocera Umbra.

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To the Reverend Mr. Cappannella Aldo, of the Diocese of Orvieto.

To the Reverend Mr. Tinghi Lindoro, of the Diocese of San Miniato.

To the Reverend Mr. Franceschi Francesco, of the Diocese of Urbania.

To the Reverend Mr. Scarcia Sante, of the Archdiocese of Bari.

To the Reverend Mr. Polzonetti Libero, of the Archdiocese of Camerino.

May.

To the Reverend Mr. Chiesa Giuseppe, of the Archdiocese of Milan.

To the Reverend Mr. Bongaerts Eugenio, of the Diocese of Rotterdam.

To the Reverend Mr. Diepen Frederick, of the same diocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Van Der Ven Anthony, of the same diocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Van Wessum James, of the same diocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Di Giuda Ernesto, of the Diocese of Diano-Teggiano.

To the Reverend Mr. Gagliardi Pasquale, of the same diocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Gagliardi Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Cipiccia Domenico, of the Diocese of Terni and Narni.

To the Reverend Mr. Passacantando Carlo, of the same diocese.

March.

[*Latin ed. p. 672*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 672, May 22nd. . . . . 29th. . . . . 5th, 12th, 26th. . . . . June. . . . . 1959. To Mr. Cuzzaniti Robert (Rome). To Mr. Falchetti Cesare (Rome). To Mr. Labella Camillo (Rome). To Mr. Calabria Frederick Henry, of the archdiocese of Ancona. To Mr. Botto Poala Ernest, of the diocese of Biel. To Mr. De Paoli Christopher, of the archdiocese of Genoa. To Mr. Sibilla Ascanius, of the diocese of Melfi and Rapolla. To Mr. Rossi Robert (Rome). To Mr. Morassutti Giuseppe, of the diocese of Padua. To Mr. Narbonne James (France). To Captain Di Giorgio Angelo (Rome).

NECROLOGY: May 21st, 1959. Most Reverend John Remiger, titular Bishop of Dadima. July 31st. Most Reverend Michael Keyes, titular Bishop of Areopoli. August 8th. Most Reverend Fermín Emilio Lafitte, Archbishop of Buenos Aires. Most Reverend Alexander Evreinoff, titular Archbishop of Pario. May 20th, 21st. Most Reverend Ruben Odio Herrera, Archbishop of San José de Costa Rica. Most Reverend Nicola Giannattasio, titular Archbishop of Pessionte. May 27th. Most Reverend Joseph John Annabring, Bishop of Superior (U.S.A.). September 7th. Most Reverend Kenneth Grant, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles. Most Reverend Alberto Vassallo-Torregrossa, titular Archbishop of Emesa. Most Reverend Thomas Anthony Welch, Bishop of Duluth. Most Reverend Paolo Akl, titular Archbishop of Laodicea of Syria, for the Maronites. Most Reverend Matthew Brady, Bishop of Manchester. May 20th. Most Reverend Joseph

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Tupinambá da Frota, Bishop of Sobral. May 25th.

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JOHN PP. XXIII. TO VENERABLE BROTHERS, GREETINGS AND APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION.

A grateful memory often comes to Our mind of those Encyclical Letters which Our Predecessor, of blessed memory, Leo XIII, issued on several occasions during the month of October to the entire Catholic world, urging all to piously recite the Holy Rosary throughout the course of that very month: We call them letters adorned with a variety of sentiments, endowed with wisdom, always breathing a new spirit, and most fitting for the use of Christian life.

1 Cf. Encyclical Letter "Supremi Apostolatus," by Leo XIII, Volume III, pages 280 and following; Encyclical Letter "Superiore anno," by Leo XIII, Volume IV, pages 123 and following; Encyclical Letter "Quamquam pluries," by Leo XIII, Volume IX, pages 175 and following; Encyclical Letter "Octobri mense," by Leo XIII, Volume XI, pages 299 and following; Encyclical Letter "Magnae Dei Matris," by Leo XIII, Volume XI, pages 221 and following; Encyclical Letter "De Laetitiae sanctae," by Leo XIII, Volume XIII, pages 283 and following; Encyclical Letter "Iucunda semper," by Leo XIII, Volume XIV, pages 305 and following; Encyclical Letter "Adiutricem populi," by Leo XIII, Volume XV, pages 300 and following; Encyclical Letter "Fidentem piumque," by Leo XIII, Volume XVI, pages 278 and following; Encyclical Letter "Augustissima Virginis," by Leo XIII, Volume XVII, pages 285 and following; Encyclical Letter "Diuturni temporis," by Leo XIII, Volume XVIII, pages 153 and following.

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[*Latin ed. p. 674*]

674 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary: We exhort, with firmness and gentleness, the Catholic people to pray with confident hearts to God, under the most powerful protection of the Virgin Mary, by reciting the Holy Rosary; for, as all know, this is the most suitable form of prayer and meditation, in which the mystical union is established through the recitation of the Salutation of Angels, the Our Father, and the doxology of the Holy Trinity, which is called "Gloria Patri"; to which are joined the

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meditations on the principal mysteries of our religion, in which the Incarnation of Jesus Christ and the Redemption of the human race are presented in order. This sweet memory of our youthful years has by no means been diminished, nor has it lessened, during the long course of our life; rather, on the contrary, as we wish to $\text{declare with open simplicity of heart, the Marian Rosary, which we have never completely neglected on any day of the year, and which we especially desire to recite with particular devotion during the coming month, has become most dear to Us. We have not infrequently, during the first year of Our Pontificate, which is drawing to a close, exhorted the clergy and the Christian people, on suitable occasions, to offer public and private prayers; now, however, with greater insistence and with a moved heart, we do the same for several reasons, which We briefly set forth in these Encyclical Letters. I. - Next October, the first anniversary will be completed since Our Predecessor, Pope Pius XII, passed away from this mortal life, after having adorned it with so many and such excellent deeds. Twenty days later, although unworthy, We were raised to the summit of the Supreme Pontificate by the secret counsel of God. It seemed that one Pope was to hand over the entire Christian flock to the other, as a sacred inheritance; and no less clearly did the pastoral solicitude of both become apparent, in which their paternal charity towards all nations is declared. Do not these two events, one full of sorrow, the other of joy, clearly demonstrate to all that, while all human things are gradually consumed, the Roman Pontificate nevertheless endures unharmed through the course of the centuries, and that the visible Head of the Catholic Church, after a certain period of time established by the provident will of God, is withdrawn from this mortal exile?}$

[*Latin ed. p. 675*]

All the faithful, upon the passing of Pope Pius XII, and turning their minds and hearts towards his humble Successor, in whom Blessed Peter perpetually fulfills the office of Supreme Pastor, should offer this same prayer to God: "We beseech You, that You may deign to preserve our Holy Father and all the ecclesiastical orders in the holy religion; hear us." And it is fitting to remember here our immediate Predecessor, who, in Encyclical Letters given, beginning with the words "Ingruentium Maiorum," urged all the faithful, just as We have done, to recite the Holy Rosary devoutly, especially during the month of October. In those Encyclical Letters, he contained this admonition, which We gladly repeat: "With greater confidence, let your hearts turn to the most Holy Virgin, to whom the Christian people have always and solemnly turned in times of distress, since she has been made the cause of salvation for the entire human race."

On the day before the Ides of October, with the greatest joy of heart, We shall present images of Jesus Christ crucified to several heralds of the Gospel, who, having left their beloved homeland, will illuminate distant

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peoples with the light of Christianity, celebrating this arduous office undertaken. On the same day, in the afternoon, We desire to visit the Pontifical College of students from the United States of America, located on the Janiculum Hill, in order to joyfully celebrate, together with its administrators, professors, and sacred students, the successful completion of its first century since its founding. These two celebrations, although occurring on the same day by chance, signify and confirm almost the same thing: namely, that the Catholic Church, in all that it does, is always moved by a certain heavenly inspiration, and is led by the eternal principles and precepts of truth; and that all its children, with generous and active will, strive with all their might to promote mutual respect and a solid fraternal union among peoples, and lasting peace. It is truly wondrous to see such a spectacle from these young men.

[*Latin ed. p. 676*]

676 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - An Official Commentary. Those who, having overcome countless difficulties and inconveniences, have devoted themselves entirely to God, so that others may also profit from Christ, whether in distant lands where the truth has not yet reached, or in those vast, bustling cities where daily toil and activity are so intense and tumultuous that they sometimes make minds dry and, as it were, absorbed in earthly goods, are truly a source of hope for a better time. From the lips of those who are already advanced in age, and who have already borne such heavy burdens for the same reason, this most fervent prayer of the Prince of the Apostles is offered: "Give Thy servants courage to speak Thy word with all boldness." We earnestly desire that all these apostolic labors be commended to the Virgin Mary of Augsburg through fervent prayers during the coming month of October.

5 6 III. Furthermore, there is another reason that compels Us to earnestly request that more fervent supplications be offered to Jesus Christ and to His most loving Mother by the Sacred College of Cardinals, by you, Venerable Brothers, by priests, by religious women devoted to God, by all kinds of the sick and infirm, by innocent children, and by the entire Christian people. This is: that those upon whose hands the fate of nations largely depends, nations which, whether small or great, have legitimate rights and spiritual patrimonies that must be protected and preserved, may consider the importance and significance of this present time with a keen mind. Therefore, we implore God that they may diligently examine and dispel the causes of discord, and that they may overcome them with a good will. They should especially consider the devastating wars – may God avert them – which bring nothing but immense ruin to all, and in which there is absolutely no hope. Civil and social laws, by which nations and the orders of citizens are held together, should be adapted to the needs of our time; nor should they forget the eternal laws that come from God, which are the foundations and,

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as it were, the cornerstones of the governance of peoples; and they should also keep before their eyes [Philippians 3:8]. [And now, Lord, behold their threatenings].

[*Latin ed. p. 677*]

Acta Ioannis P. XXIII 677, that individuals may possess minds, as they were created by the Divine Will, so that they may be directed towards that which is fitting and conducive to their flourishing. Furthermore, it must be observed that certain modes of reasoning and philosophizing, as well as certain ways of life that have been introduced into use today, are in no way compatible with Christian doctrine. We shall never cease to affirm this with a serene, firm, and certain mind. But God has made men and nations capable of healing! Therefore, we hope that, after arid demands and proposals have finally been abandoned, and that remedies are sought and found in that sound doctrine, which daily experience increasingly confirms, for the ills arising from the way of thinking and acting, which, as all know, are imbued with the terms "secularism" and "materialism," which are as solid and enduring as crystal. This doctrine testifies that God is the author of life and of its laws; and that He is the judge of the rights and the dignity of the human person. Therefore, God is "our salvation and our redemption"! The eyes of Our mind survey all lands, in which all peoples seem to be striving for better times, and in which a certain hidden force can be perceived, from which it is permissible to hope that men will be impelled by the duty of their conscience to promote the true good of the entire human association. That this may happen in a more blessed manner, we urge all who have Christ as their son to be "of one heart and one soul," and that, as the month of October turns, they offer fervent and heartfelt prayers to the Heavenly Queen and our most loving Mother, meditating on this sentiment of the Apostle of the Gentiles: "We are troubled, but we are not overwhelmed; we are perplexed, but we are not in despair. We are persecuted, but we are not abandoned; we are struck down, but we are not destroyed; always carrying in our body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that also in our body the life of Jesus may be manifested." Before We bring these Encyclical Letters to a close, 7 8 9 10 7 Cf. Wis. 1, 14. * From the sacred liturgy. 9 10 And the multitude of believers had but one heart and one soul. Neither did any one say that aught of the things which he possessed was his own. 2 Cor. 4, 8-10.

[*Latin ed. p. 678*]

678 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary. We also earnestly desire, Venerable Brothers, that you recite the Holy Rosary with particular devotion throughout the month of October, and for this very reason, that you may implore the Blessed Virgin Mary with your prayers: that the Roman Synod may be fruitful and beneficial to this venerable City, and that the Universal Church may experience such remarkable growth from

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the upcoming Ecumenical Council, in which you will participate with your presence and counsel, that even those brothers and sons of ours who are separated from this Apostolic See may receive an invitation and encouragement to embrace the salutary renewal of all Christian virtues, which we hope will flourish. Animated by this most joyous hope, we impart the Apostolic Blessing, abundantly bestowed with charity, upon each and every one of you, Venerable Brothers, and upon your respective flocks, and especially upon those who will respond to these our exhortations with a pious and zealous spirit. Given at Rome, near St. Peter's, on the twenty-sixth day of the month of September, in the year 1959, in the first year of Our Pontificate. IOANNES PP. XXIII. APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTIONS. I. BERBERATENSIS (BOSSANGOAËNSIS). A TERRITORY IS SEPARATED FROM THE BERBERATENSIS DIOCESE, IN EQUATORIAL FRENCH AFRICA, FROM WHICH A NEW APOSTOLIC PREFECTURE IS FOUNDED, TO BE CALLED "BOSSANGOAËNSIS." IOANNES, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD. FOR THE PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE. Since, at Christ's command, we bear the most serious burden on earth, which is to rightly guide the entire human race, we have nothing more important than to ensure that everywhere, day by day, all may have the opportunity to hear the word of God and to cultivate the soul with virtue and truth. For this reason, we deem it entirely fitting to...

[*Latin ed. p. 679*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, page 679, show that the venerable brothers, Our Cardinals, who preside over the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, having considered the needs of those who dwell in French Equatorial Africa, judged it fitting that the very extensive Berbérati diocese be divided, and from it a new apostolic prefecture be established. Therefore, after carefully considering the matter and hearing the opinion of the venerable brothers, Marcellus Lefebvre, Archbishop of Dakar and Apostolic Delegate in French Africa, and Alphonse Baud, Bishop of Berbérati; and with the further agreement of those who believe they have some right in this division of territory, We, by Our supreme authority, decree and order the following. We separate the territory of the Berbérati diocese, which includes the civil regions commonly called Bossangoa, Bouca, Batanfago, and Paoua, and We reduce it to the form of a new apostolic prefecture, to be called Bossangoa, and to be entrusted to the care of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin. To this church, We grant all the rights and privileges that are granted to it by canon law; the same is also to be said of its Ordinary, the Prefect, to whom, however, We impose the duties and obligations that are proper to such a Prelate. Furthermore, We decree that, with regard to the assembly of bishops, the Superior of this apostolic prefecture shall belong to the metropolitan See of Bangui. We wish that the venerable brother Marcellus Lefebvre, whom We have mentioned, carry out these decrees,

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and We grant him all the powers necessary to do so, which may be delegated to any man, if the circumstances require, provided he possesses the appropriate ecclesiastical dignity. After he has completed all of this, he will also have the responsibility of recording the acts of the completed division of territory, and of sending faithful copies thereof to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. If, at the time that these things are done, another person presides over the Delegation in French Africa, he will enjoy the same powers and will bear the responsibility of carrying out what We have said. We wish these documents to be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those to whom these matters pertain will religiously observe what has been decreed herein, and thus will give effect to it. Nothing, of any kind, contrary to the effectiveness of these documents, shall be able to take effect, since by these documents We repeal all that is contrary to them. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be declared utterly void and of no effect. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to tear or corrupt these documents expressing Our will; rather, copies of these documents, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a man constituted in ecclesiastical dignity, and which are signed by a public notary, shall be valid.

[*Latin ed. p. 680*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See - 680. The same faith must be held regarding these matters as was held previously, if it were demonstrated. Whoever, in general, should despise or in any way condemn Our decrees, let him know that he will incur the penalties established by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the ninth day of the month of February, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-ninth, in the first year of Our pontificate. For the Holy See, E. Cardinal Dominic Tardini. Peter Cardinal Fumasoni Biondi, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. Hamletus Tondini, Regent of the Apostolic Chancery. Bernardus De Felicis, Apostolic Protonotary. Caesar Federici, Apostolic Protonotary. See *Loco*, £8 of Lead, in the Apostolic Cane, table, volume C, number 22.

II. OF THE NEW PRELATURE, NAMED *NULLIUS*, ERECTED FROM TERRITORIES TAKEN FROM THE DIOCESE OF IQUIQUE.

JOHN, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE OF THESE THINGS:

To those to whom it has been given by God to lead and to feed the flocks of Catholics, all Our studies and concerns are directed to this end, that all men may be illuminated by the light of divine truth, and that Christian charity may be communicated with them. That this may be accomplished in a more fitting manner also in the Republic of Chile, when the venerable Brother Sebastian Baggio, Archbishop with the title of Ephesus, and Apos-

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tolic Nuncio in the Republic of Chile, judged that a new "nullius" prelature should be established there, We, having heard the venerable Brothers Alaphrido Cifuentes Gómez, Archbishop of La Serena, and Peter Aguilera Narbona, Bishop of Iquique,

[*Latin ed. p. 681*]

By the authority of the Holy See, after deliberation with the Most Reverend Fathers, our Cardinals, who hold jurisdiction in Consistorial matters, and with their consent, We, by Our apostolic authority, decree and order the following: We separate a territory from the diocese of Iquique, commonly known as the "civil department of Arica," with the exception of a small portion of the same region within the boundaries of the curia, which is called "Camina," and which shall remain subject to the diocese of Iquique; and from this, We establish a new exempt prelature, to be called Arica, with the same boundaries and territory as that with which it is united. Therefore, the boundaries of this new exempt prelature shall be as follows: to the north, the territory of the Republic of Peru; to the east, the Bolivian territory; to the south, the diocese of Iquique; and to the west, the Pacific Ocean. The city of Arica, commonly known as such, shall be the seat of the newly established Church, where the sacred Prelate shall reside. We desire that the prelaticate church be dedicated to Saint Mark the Evangelist, to whom We grant all rights and all honors proper to churches of the same rank. We also wish to grant the Prelate himself the appropriate rights, duties, and obligations. Furthermore, We decree that the Prelate of Arica, whether Ordinary or exempt, shall be subject to the Metropolitan of La Serena and to the archiepiscopal Church of the same name. The prelaticate shall possess the assets necessary for its operation, including those derived from the division of assets, in accordance with Canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law, or from the revenues of the curia, or from donations made by Christian faithful. Since it is of great importance to properly form and educate young men called to the priesthood, We order the Ordinary of Arica to establish, at the very least, an elementary seminary, in accordance with the common law and the norms established by the Holy Council for Seminaries and Universities. From this seminary, selected students shall be sent to the Pontifical College of the Pian in Latin America, so that they may be imbued with philosophical and theological studies. With regard to the clergy, We decree that as soon as the prelature of Arica is established, priests of the Church shall be considered to be incardinated in it, those who legitimately hold a benefice or ecclesiastical office within its territory; and other clerics, those who have their legitimate domicile within its territory. Concerning the governance of the prelature, the administration of its religious affairs and temporal goods, and other matters of this kind, We order that the sacred canons be observed. We also desire that all documents and records pertaining to the prelature, its clergy,

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its faithful, and its temporal goods, be transmitted from the curia of the diocese of Iquique to the prelature of Arica, in order to establish a diligently preserved archive. These things are decreed by these letters.

[*Latin ed. p. 682*]

We have seen that the venerable Brother Sebastian Baggio will ensure the execution of this matter, whom we have, as is known, granted all the faculties and powers necessary and appropriate for carrying out the aforementioned task; and he will be able to delegate these to any other person, provided that he is constituted in ecclesiastical dignity. However, we impose upon him the obligation of recording the documents pertaining to the matter and of sending true copies to the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory. If, at the time of execution, another person presides over the Apostolic Nunciature in the Republic of Chile, he shall carry out our orders. We wish these letters to be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those things which have been decreed through them will be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their full force. No prescriptions of any kind whatsoever will be able to be contrary to the effectiveness of these letters, since through these letters we derogate from all such things. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person constituted in ecclesiastical dignity and are signed by a public notary, shall have the same full faith as if they were presented. Let those who in any way despise or disregard Our decrees know that they will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the seventeenth day of the month of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, in the first year of Our pontificate.

For the Holy Roman Church:
DOMINICUS
Cardinal Tardini
MARCELLUS
Cardinal Mimmi
From the public affairs of the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory
Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancellor
Bernardus De Felicis, Protonotary Apostolic
Caesar Federici, Protonotary Apostolic
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In Ap. Cane, tab., vol. C, n. 13.

[*Latin ed. p. 683*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 683 III NIAMEYENSIS (FADANGURMAËNSIS) From the Apostolic Prefecture of NIAMEY, in French West Africa, certain territories are separated, from which a new Apostolic Prefecture is established, to be called (FADANGURMAËNSIS). JOHN, Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God, for the perpetual memory of the matter: Although daily snares are laid against the Church of Christ, and the enemies of truth strive to alienate the minds and wills of many men from divine things, nevertheless, she, to whom it has been divinely given to be the Mother and Mistress of all peoples, extends herself to the entire world and calls the sons of God to eternal goods. In order that this may be accomplished more fittingly and happily in the Apostolic Prefecture of Niamey, which is in French West Africa, it seemed best to Our Venerable Brothers, the Cardinals of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, to establish a new apostolic prefecture there. Wherefore, benignly granting to that Sacred Congregation, having heard what Venerable Brother Marcellus Lefebvre, Archbishop of Dakar and Apostolic Delegate in French Africa, and our beloved Son, Constantine Quillard, Apostolic Prefect of Niamey, thought about this matter, and with the further consent of those who have some right in such a matter, after carefully considering the matter, by Our supreme and apostolic authority We decree and order the following: From the Apostolic Prefecture of Niamey, We separate the territories of the civil regions commonly called Dori and Fada, and from these We establish a new Apostolic Prefecture, to be called the Apostolic Prefecture of Fadangurmaënse; to which We grant all the rights and privileges that are granted to churches; and We invest its Ordinary with all the honors and privileges, and with the duties and obligations, with which other Apostolic Prefects are adorned and burdened. We entrust the governance of this Prefecture to the same members of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, with the hope that they, who have so diligently labored there to bring men to the Christian law, will also in the future, with redoubled zeal, strive to spread the Gospel.

[*Latin ed. p. 684*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Commentary 684, official document. Concerning the assembly of sacred prelates, We decree that the ecclesiastical Prefect of the Fadangurmaënsis prefecture shall visit the metropolitan See of Ouagadougou. The decrees contained in these documents will be carried out by the venerable Brother Marcellus Lefebvre, whom We have mentioned, or by him who, at the time when these matters are to be put into effect, presides over the Apostolic Delegation in Gallic Mahdia, having been granted the power to delegate another man for this purpose, provided that the

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latter possesses the necessary ecclesiastical dignity. Whoever undertakes this task shall be responsible for drawing up the documents pertaining to the division of the territory and for sending faithful copies thereof to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith as soon as possible. We will and desire that these documents be effective now and in the future; so that those to whom they pertain shall observe what has been decreed therein with religious devotion, and thus obtain their full effect. No prescriptions of any kind shall be able to oppose the effectiveness of these documents, since by these documents We annul all others. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that such action be declared entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to alter or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these documents, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person established in ecclesiastical dignity and are signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented. Whoever disregards or in any way rejects Our decrees in general should know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who do not obey the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Koma, near St. Peter's, on the twelfth day of the month of February, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, in the first year of Our pontificate. For the Holy Roman Church: DOMINICUS Cardinal Tardini, PETER Cardinal Fumasoni Biondi, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancellor, Bernardus De Felicis, Apostolic Protonotary, Caesar Federici, Apostolic Protonotary.

[*Latin ed. p. 685*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 685, IV: The Apostolic Prefecture of Moundou, in Equatorial Africa, under French administration, is raised to the rank of a Diocese, named (Moundou). John, Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God, for the perpetual memory of this event:

We are diligently engaged in governing and fostering all the Churches throughout the world, according to the divine plan. We strive to ensure that, through a more suitable arrangement, each group receives the assistance and support necessary, so that the faithful may more easily fulfill the commandments of God, and so that Bishops may more effectively administer the Christian faith in their respective dioceses.

Therefore, after our venerable Brothers, the Cardinals of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, having heard the venerable Brother Marcello Lefebvre, Archbishop of Dakar and Apostolic Delegate in French Africa, deemed it to be the best course of action to elevate the Apostolic Prefecture of Moundou to the rank of a diocese: for through this, not only will the members of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin receive the deserved praise, but also their spirits will be strengthened with

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increased dignity for new endeavors. We, approving and ratifying all of this, by our apostolic authority, decree and order the following:

We raise the Apostolic Prefecture of Moundou to the rank and dignity of a diocese, named Moundou, with the same boundaries as before, and we make it a suffragan of the Metropolitan See of Bangui, subject, however, to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, entrusting its administration to the members of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, to whom the prefecture had previously been entrusted, under our guidance and that of this Apostolic See.

The head of the new diocese will be the city commonly called Moundou, and in that city the Bishop will have his residence, with his chair located in the sacred Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which we elevate to the honor of a cathedral. We grant to this diocese all the rights, honors, and privileges that pertain to all dioceses; and to the sacred Prelate to whom the administration of it will be entrusted, in addition to the rights we grant, we also impose the duties that are appropriate to the episcopal office.

Furthermore, we desire that a school, at least of the elementary level, be established within the territory of the new See, to receive boys who have been called to the priesthood: for they are the hope of the Church and of Christians, destined to become pastors and curators. This shall be done according to the norms of common law and the specific prescriptions of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

[*Latin ed. p. 686*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 686, granting those goods which belonged to the apostolic prefecture, to the Curia; revenues, and finally, money which is either given by the people, or sent by the Congregation for the Propagation of the Christian Faith. These pertain to the governance and administration of the newly established diocese, to the election of the Capitular Vicar, in the vacancy of the See, to the rights and obligations of the clergy and the people, and to matters of this kind; all of these are regulated by canon law. Furthermore, he who, at the time of execution, presides over the Apostolic Delegation in French Africa, or whom he delegates, provided that he is constituted in an ecclesiastical dignity, will take care to carry out what we have commanded in these secret instructions. And he who has completed the matter will order documents to be drawn up, and will promptly send true copies to the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. We will and desire that these instructions be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those for whose benefit these decrees have been made will religiously observe them, and thus obtain their full effect. No prescriptions of any kind can be contrary to the effectiveness of these instructions, since by these instructions we abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We

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have decreed, We command that it be declared utterly void and of no effect. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these instructions, whether printed or written by hand, which bear the seal of a man constituted in an ecclesiastical dignity, and which are signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented. Let anyone who in any way disregards or rejects Our decrees in general know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the nineteenth day of the month of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, in the first year of Our pontificate. For the Holy Roman Church: DOMINICUS Cardinal Tardini, PETER Cardinal Fumasoni Biondi, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancellor, Bernardus De Felicis, Apostolic Protonotary, Caesar Federici, Apostolic Protonotary. In Ap. Cane, tab., vol. C, n. 26, under the lead seal.

[*Latin ed. p. 687*]

Acta of Pope John XXIII, 687 V, BOTUCATU. In the Metropolitan Temple of Botucatu, a College of Canons is Established. JOHN, Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God, for the perpetual memory of this event:

Since there is no doubt that the external honor and glory of God are increased through the splendor of temples and ceremonies, therefore We are pleased to establish a gathering of men in the cathedral churches, whose excellence may enable sacred matters to be carried out with greater dignity. Therefore, when the venerable Brother Henry Hector Golland Trindade, Archbishop of Botucatu, requested from this Apostolic See that a College of Canons be established in his metropolitan church, We, having heard the opinion of the venerable Brother Armand Lombardi, Archbishop with the title of Caesarea Philippi and Apostolic Nuncio in the Federated States of Brazil, and with the advice of our venerable Brother, Cardinal Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory, and with the consent of those who have some right in this matter, by Our supreme and apostolic authority, We decree and order the following:

In the metropolitan temple of Botucatu, We establish a College of Canons, which shall consist of two Dignities, that is, an Archpriest and an Archdeacon, and six Canons, of whom one shall serve as a theologian, and another as a Penitentiary, as they say. The assignment of the Dignities and Canonicates shall be made according to the law. However, We grant that, until suitable endowments are established, the Dignities and Canonicates may also be conferred upon priests who enjoy some other benefit, even if it is connected with the care of souls. Since the Canons often have to perform other ecclesiastical duties, We allow that the divine offices, which are proper to the Canons, shall be performed only once a month,

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namely on the sixth and twentieth day of the month, and on other days, according to what is defined by the constitutions or laws of the College. Since it is fitting that those who constitute the council and senate of the sacred prelates should also be adorned with their own insignia, therefore We permit that the Dignities and Canons, within the boundaries of their archdiocese, may wear a black cassock with violet trim, a silk cincture of the same violet color, a rochet with crimson (vermelho-cremisi) sleeves, and a silk mozzetta.

[*Latin ed. p. 688*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary, 688, with a black, hairy fringe and crimson tassels. Concerning the rights, honors, privileges, duties, and other matters pertaining to this College of Canons, all of these shall be governed by Canon Law. Therefore, with the establishment of this College of Canons, the diocesan consultants shall cease from their duties. Furthermore, the venerable Brother Armandus of Lombardy, whom we mentioned, shall carry out what we have commanded, to whom we grant all powers, which, if he deems it necessary, he may delegate, provided that they are delegated to a distinguished priest. Upon completion of this matter, he shall endeavor to draw up the documents, and those documents shall be promptly sent to the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory with faithful copies. If, at the time when these things must be done, another person presides over the same Apostolic Nunciature in the Federated States of Brazil, that person shall carry out our commands and instructions. We intend these Letters to be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those who are concerned shall religiously observe what has been decreed through them, and thus obtain their full force. No prescriptions of any kind can be contrary to the effectiveness of these Letters, since through these Letters we abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, no one shall be permitted to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these Letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person established in ecclesiastical dignity and are signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented. Whoever shall disregard or in any way despise Our decrees in general, let him know that he will incur the penalties established by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the seventh day of the month of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-ninth, in the first year of Our Pontificate. For the Holy Roman Church: DOMINICUS Card. TARDINI, Prefect; MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI, Prefect of the Public Affairs of the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory; from the Secretariat; Hamletus Tondini, Regent of the Apostolic Chancery; Bernardus De Felicis, Protono-

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tary Apostolic; Caesar Federici, Protonotary Apostolic; in the Apostolic Chancery table, volume C, number 24-25.

[*Latin ed. p. 689*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII, 689, VI, SANCTI DOMINICI (OUR LADY VULGO DE LA ALTAGRACIA IN HIGÜEY, OR HIGUEYENSIS), FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SANCTI DOMINICI, WITH CERTAIN TERRITORIES DEDUCTED, A NEW DIOCESE IS FOUNDED, TO BE CALLED ((OUR LADY VULGO DE LA ALTAGRACIA IN HIGÜEY, OR HIGUEYENSIS)). JOHN, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE: It is pleasing to Us, and in accordance with the office which We have received from God, to serve the benefit of all the faithful of Christ, and to adopt such measures as may best promote the knowledge and acceptance of the law and doctrine of the Gospel. Therefore, since the Most Reverend Prater Salvator Siino, Archbishop with the title of Pergensis, and Apostolic Nuncio in the Dominican Republic, has considered it to be the best and most opportune course of action to found a new diocese from the Archdiocese of Sancti Dominici, in the Dominican Republic, We, having heard the Most Reverend Brother Richard Pittini, Archbishop of Sancti Dominici, and with the consent of those who have some right in this matter, or who believe themselves to have such a right, by Our apostolic authority, with which We preside over all the Churches, We decree and order the following: From the Archdiocese of Sancti Dominici, We separate the entire territory which comprises the provinces commonly called "La Altagracia" and "El Seibo," and from these We found a new diocese, which shall be called by the name of Our Lady vulgo De La Altagracia in Higüey, or Higueyensis, with the same boundaries and civil provinces with which it is united. Therefore, the boundaries of this newly founded Church shall be as follows: to the north and east, the Atlantic Ocean; to the south, the sea commonly called "(De Las Antillas)," and a part of the civil province commonly called "S. Pedro de Macoris"; and finally, to the west, the provinces which are called Trujillo and Samaná, and also a part of the civil province of S. Pedro de Macoris, which We mentioned. The seat of the diocese and the residence of the Bishop shall be in the city of Higüey; and the Supreme Pontiff shall place the cathedral in the temple which is being built there in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of "La Altagracia"; and We raise this to the rank and dignity of a cathedral church. We grant that, until

[*Latin ed. p. 690*]

690 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary: The temple having been perfected, the curial building shall be considered the cathedral, which, dedicated to the honor of Saint Dionysius, Bishop and Martyr, is located in the same city of Higuey. We grant to the new Church all the rights that

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pertain to dioceses, as well as to its sacred Prelate; who, moreover, will also bear the burdens proper to Bishops. Among these, it is fitting to note that he will be a suffragan of the metropolitan See of Saint Dominic, together with his own diocese. The Prelate of this new Church should take care to establish at least an elementary seminary for boys who, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, are called to the priesthood. This shall be done according to the norms and laws of the Holy Congregation for Seminaries and Universities, and according to the prescriptions of civil law. When the young men reach the age at which they must be imbued with philosophy and theology, those who are more worthy shall be sent to Rome to the Pontifical College of Latin America. Furthermore, a College of Canons will be established, according to the norms to be set forth in other letters; until that time, diocesan consultors shall be chosen to assist the Bishop with counsel and aid. These consultors, of course, will cease from their duties when the College of Canons is established. The Episcopal table, which they call the "Curia," will be maintained by the revenues of the Curia, by the offerings of the faithful, by a suitable portion of the goods of the new See, according to Canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law, and finally, by what is given by the government of the Dominican Republic. Furthermore, with regard to the administration and governance of the diocese, the election of a Capitular Vicar in the event of a vacancy, and other matters of this kind, the laws of the sacred canons shall be observed. Concerning the clergy, we decree that priests shall be assigned to the diocese in which they hold office or benefice; and others shall be assigned to the diocese in which they legitimately reside. Finally, all acts and documents pertaining in any way to the new circumscription shall be sent promptly to its Episcopal Curia, where they shall be religiously kept in the archive. Furthermore, these our mandates shall be carried out by our beloved son Aloysius Dossena, our intimate chamberlain, who, in the meantime, will attend to the public affairs of the Church in the Dominican Republic, to whom we grant all powers to carry out this task. He may also delegate another man, provided that he is a priest. When the task is completed, the documents and acts shall be drawn up and true copies thereof shall be sent as soon as possible to the Holy Congregation Consistorial. If, during the time of execution, another person is to carry out our affairs in the Dominican Republic, he shall do everything that we have commanded. We intend these letters to be effective now and in the future; so that those things which have been decreed by them shall be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their full force. Nothing, of any kind, shall be able to impede the effectiveness of these letters.

[*Latin ed. p. 691*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 691, state that with these Letters, we abolish all previous decrees. Therefore, if anyone, whether endowed with authority or not, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have

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decreed, We command that such action be declared entirely null and void. Furthermore, no one is permitted to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these Letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person of standing in ecclesiastical dignity, and which are signed by a public notary, shall have the same full force and effect as if they were presented in person, as if they were the original. Whoever in any way disregards or rejects Our decrees, let him know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the first day of the month of April, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-ninth, in the first year of Our pontificate. For the Holy Roman Church, Dominic, Cardinal. Tardini, Cardinal. Mimmi, from the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory, concerning public affairs. Hamletus Tondini, Regent of the Apostolic Chancery. Bernardus De Felicis, Apostolic Protonotary. Caesar Federici, Apostolic Protonotary. At the Apostolic Chancery, Volume C, number 51.

APOSTOLIC LETTERS TO THE PRIORATES OF THE MOST HOLY HEART OF JESUS, OF THE REGULAR CANONS OF THE LATERAN, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ONNIATO, ERECTING A MONASTERY OF THE SAME CONGREGATION OR ORDER.

JOHN PP. XXIII. For the perpetual memory of the matter.

Onniato, a noble city and region, located within the borders of Vasconia, is commended not only for its pleasant location, but also—which is certainly a most excellent adornment—for its devotion to religion. Where the Regular Canons of Saint Augustine, from the Congregation of the Most Holy Savior of the Lateran, established a house in the year 1832, which, by the grace of God, they...

[*Latin ed. p. 692*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 692, finally, the works of the confraternity have increased to such an extent that it has become an excellent home for piety and canonical life. A temple dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, built in the Gothic style, was established there, to which are attached spacious buildings, in which a religious community resides; for clerics who have professed vows, novices, and students are received by the priests in the hope of joining the same confraternity, and thus the divine offices are celebrated as is fitting, and the institutions of the Order are properly observed. It is also to be noted that the faithful, who diligently frequent that temple, are carefully cared for with the support of the sacred ministry. Moved by all of this, and expressing his wishes to us, the general council of the same Congregation, convened in the year 1958, requested that our beloved son Charles Egger, Abbot and General Procurator of the Order, whom we mentioned, humbly asked us to raise the Onniatese house, or "priory," dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,

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which had completed its fiftieth and seventieth year since its founding, to the dignity of an "Abbey," according to our benevolence. These requests, gladly received, and after consultations with our beloved son Valerio, Presbyter of the Holy Roman Church, Cardinal Valeri, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for Religious Orders, we, by our Apostolic authority, by the force of these letters, and perpetually, erect the aforementioned priory, called the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, located in the city of Onniatese, within the territory of the diocese of San Sebastián, into an Abbey, we establish it, and we make it a participant in all the rights and privileges granted to Abbeys of the same religious confraternity, belonging to the Congregation of the Most Holy Savior of the Lateran Order of Regular Canons of Saint Augustine. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions. These things we decree, we establish, we determine, that these present letters shall remain forever firm, valid, and effective; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that the aforementioned Abbey, and its superiors and regular canons, present and future, shall be fully supported, now and henceforth; and that it shall be duly judged and defined; and that whatever is done to the contrary, concerning these matters, by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, shall be null and void from this moment. Given at Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's ring, on the tenth day of the month of April, in the year 1959, in the first year of Our pontificate. D. Card. TARDINI, Prefect of the Congregation for Public Affairs of the Church.

[*Latin ed. p. 693*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 693, II. SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, IS ESTABLISHED AS THE PRINCIPAL CELESTIAL PATRON OF THE DIOCESE OF TAPACHULA. POPE JOHN XXIII. For the perpetual memory of this event. — To whom it was given to guard and protect the Divine Redeemer and the Most Holy Virgin, Saint Joseph, all priests, pious societies, and the entire faithful people, under the guidance of the Venerable Brother Adolfo Hernández Hurtado, Bishop, have chosen, as their principal celestial Patron of the Diocese of Tapachula, Saint Joseph, whom our predecessor of blessed memory, Pope Pius XII, established in the year 1957, so that he might provide them with strong protection and promote the Catholic cause in that region with great benefits. We highly approve of this action, since it is very pleasing to Us that newly established dioceses may receive the most abundant assistance from heavenly aid. Therefore, when the Ordinary of Tapachula requested Us to ratify this choice with Our authority, We readily agreed to grant this request, as it is also in accordance with Our own sentiments. Therefore, after consultation with the Sacred Congregation of Rites, with certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic power, We hereby confirm and establish, in perpetuity, Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as the principal celestial Patron of the entire Diocese

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of Tapachula, and We declare this, with all the rights and liturgical privileges that properly belong to the principal Patrons of dioceses. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions. We decree, We establish, We ordain that these present Letters shall remain forever firm, valid, and effective; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that those to whom they pertain, now and in the future, shall fully observe them; and that they shall be duly judged and defined; and that if anything contrary to these things should be attempted by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, with any authority whatsoever, it shall be considered void from now on and of no effect. Given at Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's Ring, on the fourteenth day of the month of April, in the year 1959, in the first year of Our pontificate. D. Card. TARDINI, Prefect of the Public Affairs of the Church.

[*Latin ed. p. 694*]

694 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary III. A BASILICA MINOR IS CONFERRED WITH TITLE AND DIGNITY UPON THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ("DEL QUINCHE") IN THE TOWN COMMONLY CALLED ("DEL QUINCHE"), WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF QUITO. JOHN PP. XXIII. For the perpetual memory of the matter. It is declared that the temple, which is located in the town commonly called "Del Quinche," within the territory of the Archdiocese of Quito, is an outstanding seat of Marian devotion. This church, dedicated to the Heavenly Queen, dates back to a considerable age, having been begun in the year 1604; it has been shaken and damaged twice by earthquakes, but with fervent piety it has been restored and enhanced in its magnificence. There, one finds admiration both in the amplitude of the structure and in the artistic works, such as painted images, which depict the miracles wrought through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary of "Del Quinche," and a large altar, adorned with cedar carvings and gilded plates. What is of the greatest importance is that religion is devoutly practiced there, as the faithful frequently visit it, to make vows to the Divine Mother, and there are a sufficient number of priests and other clerics from the Congregation of the Most Holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary, to whom the church belongs. The fervor of piety is especially aroused by the magnificent image of the same Virgin Mary, which, by the authority of the Petrine Canon Regular College, was adorned with a golden diadem in the year 1933. Finally, the church is fully equipped with valuable sacred vestments and furnishings suitable for divine rites. Considering all of these things, Our Beloved Son, Charles Mary, Priest, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, Archbishop of Quito, made supplications to Us, that We might confer upon this sacred building the title and rights of a Minor Basilica. Gladly fulfilling these requests, We, after consultation with the Sacred Congregation for Rites, with Our certain knowledge

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and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic authority, by these letters, perpetually and in every respect, consecrate the church dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary of "Del Quinche," located in the town commonly called "Del Quinche," within the territory of the Archdiocese of Quito, and bestow upon it the title and dignity of a Minor Basilica, with all the rights and privileges that rightfully belong to temples of the same name. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions. These things We decree, We establish, We ordain, and We declare that these present letters shall remain firm, valid, and efficacious forever.

[*Latin ed. p. 695*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 695, concerning [the matter at hand], so that they may fully and completely take effect and be obtained; and that they may fully and completely benefit those to whom they pertain, or who may pertain to them, now and forever; and that, therefore, it should be rightly judged and defined; and that whatever is attempted in this regard, by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, shall be declared null and void from this moment forward. Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the seal of the Fisherman, on the second day of May, in the year 1954, in the first year of Our Pontificate.

His Eminence, Cardinal Tardini, concerning public affairs of the Church.

Saint Isidore the Farmer is chosen as the principal patron of the Diocese of San Isidro in Argentina.

POPE JOHN XXIII.

For the perpetual memory of this event.

Newly established dioceses, in their freshness, ought to be especially protected by heavenly patronage, so that they may grow with greater joy and receive a more abundant harvest of fruits. Therefore, the Venerable Brother Anthony M. Aguirre, Bishop of the Diocese of San Isidro in Argentina, founded by Our Predecessor of blessed memory, Pope Pius XII, requested that we declare Saint Isidore the Farmer, the heavenly patron of his jurisdiction. For the clergy, the pious societies, and the faithful people have this most pious craftsman as their protector, from whom the diocese was established, which is named after him. We are confident that, with this heavenly protection, and with prayers, the Catholic cause will flourish in that region, and the faithful will be encouraged to pursue the best way of life. With a willing heart, we wish to grant this request.

Therefore, after consultation with the Sacred Congregation of Rites, with certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic power, We declare, establish, and proclaim that Saint Isidore the Farmer is chosen as the principal patron, before God, of the entire Diocese of San Isidro in Argentina, with all the honors and liturgical privileges that

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properly belong to the principal patrons of dioceses.

Notwithstanding any contrary provisions.

These things We decree, establish, and ordain, and We declare that these present letters shall remain firm, valid, and efficacious forever.

[*Latin ed. p. 696*]

696 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - An official record, which shall remain permanent; and shall produce and obtain its full and complete effects; and shall fully benefit those to whom it applies or may apply, now and in the future; and thus it must be duly judged and defined; and it shall be null and void from this moment, if anything contrary to these things, concerning them, should be attempted by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, with any authority whatsoever. Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's Ring, on the twenty-first day of the month of May, in the year 1959, in the first year of Our Pontificate. D. Card. TARDINI.

TO THE DIGNITY AND HONOR OF THE BASILICA MINOR DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF BLESSED MARY VIRGIN IN THE CITY. JOHN PP. XXIII. For the perpetual memory of this matter.

The City of Rome, made the head of the world by the sacred See of Blessed Peter, has never lacked splendor and renown through the number and majesty of its temples; but in recent times, with the great increase in the number of citizens, many new sacred buildings have been constructed, where islands of people are densely populated, so that, if the comfort of the inhabitants was considered, suitable dwellings would not be lacking. Among these, the church dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary stands out, to which Our Predecessors, Benedict XV, Pius XI, and Pius XII, devoted great effort and care, and to whose construction the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart, to whom the temple is entrusted, diligently contributed. This magnificent structure, built with elegant skill and great work, presents the majesty of Rome, and its size is so great that it can accommodate a large number of the faithful. Although it was only completed in the year 1952, it has already become a seat of that piety with which the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary is particularly venerated, to which, while the world was shaken by the ravages of war and discord, Our Predecessor, the late Pius XII, with a truly pious and wise counsel, wished to devote the entire human race. In order to add greater honor to this temple, already adorned with no small praise, a beloved son, Peter Schweiger, a member of the aforementioned religious order, the General Moderator,

[*Latin ed. p. 697*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII, 697: We have been humbly requested to grant this donation in the name and by the authority of the Minor Basilica. With these requests, supported by the commendation of our Venerable Brother

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Clement, Cardinal Micara of the Holy Roman Church, Bishop of Velletri, and our General Vicar for spiritual matters in this esteemed city, we willingly decide to comply. Therefore, after consultation with the Sacred Congregation of Rites, with certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of our Apostolic authority, we elevate this church, dedicated to the honor of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the city of Rome, to the dignity of a Minor Basilica, with all the rights and privileges that rightfully belong to sacred buildings of the same name. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions. We decree, establish, and ordain that these present letters shall remain forever firm, valid, and effective; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that those to whom they pertain, now and in the future, shall fully comply with them; and that they shall be duly judged and defined; and that they shall be declared void from this moment and null, if anything to the contrary, concerning these matters, should be attempted by anyone, with any authority whatsoever, knowingly or unknowingly. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, under the Fisherman's Ring, on the twenty-third day of the month of May, in the year 1954, in the first year of Our Pontificate.

D. Card. TARDINI, to the public affairs of the Church.

LETTER I TO THE REVEREND FATHER F. S. R. E., PRESBYTER, CARDINAL, OF CIENTO, WHO IS TO BE SENT AS A LEGATE TO THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS OF THE NATION OF ARGENTINAE, TO BE HELD IN CÓRDOBA IN TUCUMÁN.

IOANNES PP. XXIII, Beloved Son: Greetings and Apostolic Benediction.

It is not forgotten by men how, with great zeal and devotion of the sacred clergy and the faithful people, the Eucharistic Congress, celebrated with all due solemnity from all nations in Buenos Aires in the year 1934, was held. At that time, Eugenius Pacelli, adorned with the dignity of the Roman purple, who...

[*Latin ed. p. 698*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 698. After a few years, he was elevated to the highest rank of the Apostolic authority, and served as Legate of the Supreme Pontiff. Therefore, five lustra after this event, we learned with great joy, recorded in the annals of the Church, that the Eucharistic Congress of the nation of Argentina, through the provident counsel and eager initiative of the Bishops of that region, is being prepared, to be held next month in Corduba, in Tucumania. Its purpose is to call the faithful, invited to a more profound veneration and use of the august Sacrament, to nourish their piety with new vigor, and also to worthily commemorate the quinquies and vicies anniversary of that celebration in Bonae [Buenos Aires]. To ensure the successful outcome of these solemnities, at the behest of these sacred prelates, two special commissions have been appointed, one of ecclesiastical men and the other of laymen, whose task it is to properly

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prepare the hearts of all for this most important Congress, and to arrange and organize all that the gathering of the people will suggest and require. We highly approve of this multitude of diligent concerns, confident that the results will be most favorable to this dedicated work, and that the faithful of the nation of Argentina, most dear to Us, will, day by day, nourish their souls with heavenly food, strengthen their spirits, conform their lives to the precepts of religion, and joyfully enjoy the fruits of peace that are drawn from this Sacrament. We also received great joy from the fact that the civil authorities of the Republic of Argentina, recognizing the exalted role of the Catholic Church, have promised to provide their assistance to these endeavors, and that they have decided to commemorate during these days the fact that, in the past century, Argentina has been publicly linked to the Apostolic See by bonds of friendship. Therefore, as the faithful of this noble nation, both nobles and commoners, prepare to celebrate the Eucharistic solemnities with fervent hearts, We, moved by the impulse of paternal love, desire to be present among this multitude of Our children in some way. Therefore, We choose and appoint Our beloved Son as Our Legate, that he, representing Our person, may preside over the sacred rites that will take place in the aforementioned Eucharistic Congress of the nation of Argentina; and We are certain that, given your piety towards the august Sacrament, you will perform this task fruitfully. As We hold the hope of such favorable events, in ausp-

[*Latin ed. p. 699*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 699. As a sign of heavenly protection and a pledge of Our particular will, We impart to you, Our beloved Son, the Apostolic Blessing, together with your colleagues in this mission, and also to all those who participate in the sacred ceremonies. Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, on the twentieth day of the month of August, in the year 1956, the first of Our pontificate.

JOHN PP. XXIII

TO THE MOST REVEREND AND HOLY FATHER, ALFRED, CARDINAL OTTAVIANI, SECRETARY OF THE SUPREME SACRED CONGREGATION [FOR THE HOLY OFFICE], CONCERNING THE CELEBRATION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SACRED HIERARCHY IN THE APOSTOLIC EXARCHATE OF CANADA.

JOHN PP. XXIII, beloved Son, greetings and the Apostolic Blessing.

— If, to the supreme and eternal God, whose treasury of benefits is infinite, thanks are to be rendered for His blessings, these should be publicly and most solemnly observed, since the heavenly munificence has not only once, but through the ages, bestowed celestial gifts upon the entire

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people. Among these, the establishment of the Sacred Hierarchy rightly and deservedly holds a prominent place, by which men are cleansed, instructed, and united with God, the One and Triune, through the firm and fitting administration of the Sacraments, the proclamation of truth, and the exercise of just governance. Therefore, it has been pleasing to Us to learn that the sacred pastors of Canada, with unanimous counsel, have decided to commemorate the anniversary of that blessed event, by which the hierarchical order attained its beginning in those lands.

In order that the joy and dignity of this celebration may be increased, We gladly accede to the prayers of those sacred pastors, and We appoint you, Our beloved Son, who holds a high office in the Supreme Sacred Congregation [for the Holy Office], as Our Legate, to preside over the sacred rites there in Our name and with Our authority, that you may be the interpreter of Our congratulations and bring the voice of Our best and most fervent charity. It is not Our intention to repeat ecclesiastical annals, so as to make them more...

[*Latin ed. p. 700*]

Let us bring to light those events by which the Holy Hierarchy was established there, with what patronage, difficulties, and providentially ordained occurrences. But we cannot remain silent concerning the never-failing praise of your forefathers, for when the Catholic Church was being founded in Canada, a firm hope in God, prudent counsel, a courage free from fear, and a secure foresight of the future shone forth most brightly. Through these righteous endeavors and virtues, Francis of Montmorency-Laval distinguished himself, who, consecrated Bishop in the year 1658, began the series of your pontiffs, and, diligently and fruitfully fulfilling his pastoral duties, left behind a reputation that will be proclaimed to posterity: indeed, with the passage of time, this reputation shines more brightly and is more fully realized. Remembering these deeds, all who are children of the Church in Canada, seizing the present opportunity, should undertake endeavors with zealous effort, so that they may more devoutly cherish the Catholic faith, giving thanks to God for the ineffable gift, and preserve it as a treasure of inestimable value. The Sacred Ministers should devote even greater care, so that the pure doctrine of religion may be defended from snares and errors, and, as a guiding principle of life, may take root more deeply in the hearts of men. Indeed, it is most necessary that all, by word and example, should encourage those who are subject to their authority to strive for higher and better things, and that they should also endeavor, in every way, to proclaim Christ. 2 For in this age, in which many people, entangled in materialistic and wicked doctrines, rush headlong down the precipitous paths of dark pride, whoever boasts of a Christian profession in the noble Canada, should follow the opposite course, steadfast in the heavenly goods that are required of him, and

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diligent in the dignity that is conferred upon him by native right: therefore, let a faithful and religious spirit yearn for heavenly things and be eager for the divine promises, 3 raising itself in love for the incorruptible good, and in hope of true light. Speak and exhort these things, our beloved son, making those who are present at the secular celebrations there more certain. We place great hope in Canada, with its hearts imbued with religion, its talents, and its abundant resources, that the glory of the Christian name may increase there with more flourishing growth, and that through them it may be more widely extended and more effectively strengthened. For this purpose, we ask for the help of heavenly grace, without which nothing can be accomplished that is valid, holy, firm, and lasting, invoking the patronage of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, and hoping greatly for it. 1 Cf. 2 Corinthians 9:15. 2 Cf. Philippians 1:18. 3 St. Leo the Great, Sermon III, 4 - On His Own Nativity, ML. 54, 147.

[*Latin ed. p. 701*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 701, that the wishes which we conceive with a paternal heart may achieve a happy outcome. And that this commemorative act may bear more abundant fruit, we grant you the faculty, so that, with the sacred pontifical solemnity completed, you may bless in the name of Ourselves and with Our authority the Christian faithful present, and may propose to them the Plenary Indulgence, to be obtained according to the established law of the Church. Finally, We have nothing left to do but to impart to you, Our beloved Son, the Apostolic Blessing, with the hope of great benefits, as you celebrate the secular memory of the Sacred Hierarchy established in Canada, to the most holy dignitaries, magistrates, priests, and Christian faithful. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the twenty-fifth day of August in the year 1959, the first of Our pontificate. IOANNES PP. XXIII To the Most Reverend Father Martin John O'Connor, Archbishop titular of Laodicea in Syria, Rector of the Pontifical College of the United States of America in the City: Founded at the close of the century. IOANNES PP. XXIII Venerable Brother, greetings and the Apostolic Blessing. — One hundred years, happily completed since the founding of the Pontifical College of the United States of America in the City, as We gladly learn from you, Venerable Brother, give just cause for rejoicing to you and to the other administrators and students of this sacred institution, and also for offering solemn religious thanks to God, from whom, just as salutary counsels are sown in souls, so good undertakings receive growth and strength. Remembering so many things that have happened to this College throughout the course of the century, it is most pleasing to Us to declare openly that you have amply responded to the wishes of your superiors, who, with generous support and with a provision that will not deceive posterity, sought to promote this endeavor. From here, a large number of priests of outstanding piety and learning have emerged, and not a few Cardinal Fathers and

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Bishops, who, shining with pastoral virtues, have left or are leaving a name of noble fame, having merited greatly in promoting the Kingdom of God. Six years ago, Our Predecessor, Pope Pius XII, considered it a source of joy to honor the dedication of this new College building, rising in a grand and splendid manner on the Janiculum hill, and at that time, whether in writing or in a paternal address, He expressed wishes full of praise.

[*Latin ed. p. 702*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 702, with encouragement and hope, which are indelibly imprinted on your minds. This new building, due to its ample space, accommodates a larger number of students who are imbued with ecclesiastical disciplines, while the old building is destined for the more suitable lodging of priests who wish to more deeply learn sacred doctrines. We know well that the Hierarchy of the United States of America diligently and with all effort looks to the prosperity of this College. But such endeavors will not be without abundant and fruitful results, as they are based on solid and well-considered reasons for hope and provision. Indeed, in your flourishing and renowned country, where the Catholic Church, the guardian of salvation and happiness, thrives, a common respect among citizens leads to the need for a larger, more educated clergy, endowed with a Catholic spirit, embracing the entirety of nature given to them, and adorned with that excellent wisdom for thinking and acting that is fostered by constant study of Christian antiquity. But where can such an institution be more securely supported than in this City, which, by the decrees of Divine Providence, has been chosen above all others? It is entirely due to a singular gift of God that in Rome, which is the capital of the world and the priestly city, near the Chair of Peter, illuminated by the sincere proclamation from that Apostolic source, true faith is drawn, and Christian learning is perfected. May God grant that this home for beloved and chosen young men preserve its ancient titles and increase: may it flourish with every ornament of virtue and holiness, may it be filled with serene and constant joy, and may it continue to nourish and form minds, from which the Church will receive growth, the homeland will receive praise, virtue will receive support, Karlova will receive the advancement of its endeavors, and may all that is lovable, just, and honorable receive the grace of speech and of works. These things, foretold with fervent wishes, to you, Venerable Brother, on the occasion of the secular celebration of the College, to those who diligently preside over it, to the other administrators and students, and also to all those who deserve praise or benefit from it, we gladly impart the Apostolic Blessing, a sign of heavenly help and consolation. Given in Rome, near St. Peter's, on the twenty-eighth day of the month of August, in the year 1959, in the first year

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of Our Pontificate. JOHN PP. XXIII.

[*Latin ed. p. 703*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 703. ADDRESSES. To those who attended the Sixth National Convention of the Italian Association of Catholic Teachers, held in Rome.

Our heart opens to a wide and paternal greeting as We receive you, beloved sons and daughters of the Italian Association of Catholic Teachers, who have come to Rome from all regions of Italy to participate in your Sixth National Congress. We welcome you, and We are pleased to express Our heartfelt satisfaction on this occasion, especially during these days of September, which already foreshadow the beginning of a new year of labors and merits, in the fulfillment of the educational mission that you have chosen as a vocation, and which you carry out admirably for the good of the Church and of civil society.

Following the provident development of your esteemed Association, We know of the wealth of inner spirit, and the dignity of cultural and pedagogical preparation that you have brought to it, causing it to spread throughout Italy in just a few years, achieving its goal of forming, assisting, and enlightening an ever-growing number of members.

You are particularly dear to Us because of your very appellation, "Catholic Teachers," which brings with it both high honor and generous encouragement: two words that clearly express your convictions, your intentions, and your ideals. But above all, you are dear to Us because you fulfill a high and noble mission, which makes you invaluable instruments in the intellectual, civic, moral, and religious education of those who are the hopes of the Church and the Nation; and because, most often, you perform this function in silence, in sacrifice, and with diligent simplicity that asks for no recognition, content only with the good testimony of your own conscience.

At this moment, a multitude of thoughts come to Our mind, with the beloved images of the teachers, both male and female, who have dedicated their entire lives to education, whom We have known: serene and smiling figures, modest but full of firmness, bent with infinite patience.

[*Latin ed. p. 704*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 704, concerning those who work with children, perhaps sometimes restless, but eager to learn, to know the nature, the work of God, and its beauties, to draw abundantly from the source of truth and wisdom. Beloved children! On this occasion, we wish to leave you some memories, which may serve as encouragement and support in your daily labors, so that you may continue the path you have begun with renewed energy and steadfast and constant purpose. And we urge you, "in the bowels of Jesus Christ," 1 to always have a profound

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and jealous respect for your mission, so that you may accomplish with holy fervor that which is required of your good will.

1) First of all, you form the minds of your little disciples, whose development is vividly stimulated and accelerated by modern pedagogical methods, as well as by the vast effectiveness of printing and audio-visual techniques. Therefore, you must make a continuous effort to adapt your specific preparation ever more closely to the work you perform, which requires, and will increasingly require in the future, the possession of a secure and profound doctrine. This need has already been appropriately brought to your attention by the theme of the Congress: "Elementary education within the framework of the school."

We know – and we cannot but encourage all the projects and efforts made in this field – that the delicate and important problem of completing elementary education with a formative school, suitable for the abilities and needs of young people from 10 to 14 years of age, is being studied, a school which will give them a more mature awareness of their duty, and make it possible to acquire the knowledge necessary for today's work, preparing them for attendance at professional institutions or their future activities, without precluding access to higher studies. This perspective opens new horizons to your beneficial educational influence, which require from you a complete and satisfactory technical preparation: for this reason, paternally we exhort you to constantly elevate and perfect yourselves in knowledge, so that your sphere of action may extend into these new, difficult fields, and moreover, may penetrate deeply, impressing others with your seriousness and the possession of the necessary qualifications.

1 Philippians 1:8.

[*Latin ed. p. 705*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 705 2) Sed vestra missio est aliquid praeclariore: vos formatis et plasmastis animas scholarum vestrarum. Figura magistri, quam omnes in corde tenemus inter carissima memora infanciae, tota in hac altissima functione consistit, quae eum educatorem animarum facit, per verba, per exempla, per operam patientem, quae per multa difficultates et renuntiationes peragitur. Quibus profundis verbis, vobis bene notis, Sanctus Ioannes Chrysostomus hanc incomparabilem missionem delineat: "Quid est maius quam animas gubernare, et mores iuvenum formare? Ego sine dubio iudico omnium pictorum, omnium scultorum et artifex, qui bene novit artem animos iuvenum formandi, esse praeclariorem." Haec ars non discitur in libris, nec adquiritur per exercitationem, sed obtinetur per gratiam Dei, per orationem, et per longum iter profunde vitae christianae, ab annis fructiferis studiorum et scholae. Magnitudo huius missionis educativae etiam ex responsabilitate quae ei coniungitur iudicatur: sicut enim initio diximus, ad opera magistrorum adnexae sunt ipsae res civiles, quia ii homines cras formantes, in cordibus eorum, adhuc teneris et flex-

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ilibus, docem et impressiones instillantes, quae totam vitam dominabuntur; praeterea, magistri cum familiis discipulorum contactus fructiferi constituunt, qui praeter simplicem relationem scholasticam ire possunt, ad tendendum ad benignam influentiam testificationis christianae. Est ergo necessarium ut conatus quilibet vestrorum semper plus fidem suam firmet, ad certum possessionem doctrinae catholicae; ut laborem suum, etiam professionalem, in possessione fortis personalitatis christianae concretet; ut semper exemplum sit in consciensio obligationum, et generosus in apostolatu sociali et in praesentia civica. 3) Ultimum cogitationem vobis confidere volumus, quae vos sustineat in complendo officia dictis. Et haec est: educando mentem et formando animas scholarum vestrarum, vos vobis in Caelo coronam inter lucidas paratis. Furtim, interdum, projecta et vindictae, methodi et quaestiones, quae, quamquam utiles et urgentes, non debent animum ab fine abduci, ad quem omnia tendere debent, ut significationem habeant. Omnia sub specie aeternitatis considerare oportet, ut veri magistri omnium temporum docent, in valore aeterno et immutabili.

[*Latin ed. p. 706*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium 706. An official and immutable office, which will never be taken away from you. Therefore, we encourage you to perform your duty with the most fervent faith, with the firmest hope, and with the most ardent charity: awaiting Heaven, to which the sighs and ardor of our souls aspire. May the biblical word always shine before your eyes: "The wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they who turn many to justice shall be as stars for ever and ever." *Daniel 12*. May this be your secret longing, the desire that will find fulfillment in the blessed possession of God. And when the difficulties of life, the harshness of duties, the labors, the misunderstandings, or the crises may disturb your serenity, may the thought of the glory that the Lord prepares in Heaven for His good and faithful servants always give you strength and renewed courage. These are the wishes that, on this eve of the National Eucharistic Congress, we entrust to the Divine Savior for you, with the prayer that His grace and His virtue may always accompany you in the fulfillment of your delicate and most noble work. And that your joy may be even greater in this beloved meeting of children with the Common Father, from our heart we impart to you, to your loved ones, to your students, together with the deserving Central President, the Directors, and the Assistants of the Italian Association of Catholic Teachers, Our propitious Apostolic Blessing.

In the Anselmian Monastery, located on the Aventine Hill, in the presence of the Primate Abbot and other Abbots, Moderators, and numerous members of the Benedictine Order.

*Beloved sons, we greet you with a paternal heart in this Anselmian Monastery, together with your Primate Abbot, from all regions of the world, wherever the Benedictine Order flourishes, gathered before Us; and

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we embrace them all with the most loving affection of Our will, those who reside in some nations, engaged in serious matters concerning religion.

*Daniel 12.

*September 25, 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 707*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, in the year 707, indicate that you are beset by difficulties, and that you are experiencing hardship for the sake of the Catholic faith. However, because of the great charity with which we regard you all, we desire to open our hearts to you, and to reveal our intentions and our wishes. We know how much the Catholic Church owes to your Order; we know that history resounds with the glorious deeds of your Founder and his monks, who, even when the Roman Empire had fallen, cultivated barbarian peoples and barbarian lands with the cross and the plow, illuminating them with the light of the Gospel and restoring them to civil order. But your motto is: "Pray and work"; and it is indeed your first duty to pray to God, and then to dedicate yourselves to external works, and to devote all your strength to various apostolic endeavors. For it is only through the sacred study of prayer that that strength can be drawn, which descends from the heavenly realms, and which alone can sustain monastic life and bear eternal fruit of salvation. The Psalter, or, as it is more fitting to say, the collection of pious prayers and readings, which you recite or sing daily, in turn, nourishes the monastic life in a special way, and ought to be the primary form of your apostolate. For you can contribute to the eternal salvation of others, especially of those who, distracted by worldly things, do not understand heavenly things, and who either completely abandon the sacred temples, or only visit them as monuments of the liberal arts, not through prayer. Therefore, let the liturgical ceremonies, with which you are occupied, be examples and, as it were, invitations, by which you attract all those you can to the attainment of eternal and lasting goods, and by which you obtain a rich outpouring of blessings from the most merciful God. While men today are growing cold in charity, let you be fervent in divine love; while many, absorbed in worldly things and business, are distracted from considering heavenly goods, let you raise your minds to God through prayer and contemplation; while the ears of many are deafened and their minds disturbed by so many discordant voices, speeches, and writings, let you, "speaking with one voice," praise the Lord, even for those who are either forgetful of eternal life, or who are miserably lying in the mire of sin. And at night—as everyone knows—when all things are held in silence, in your monasteries, at the appointed hour, suddenly a sound is heard; then the windows of the *cellae* shine, the monks rise, and then they hasten to the sacred buildings to pray to God, according to the words: "At the hour of Divine Office, as soon as the signal is heard, having left

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all..."

[*Latin ed. p. 708*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 708 running » - 1 Thus it happens, most beloved sons, that while all seems dead outside, life flourishes here, which is true life. Just as the Angels in Heaven sing praises, so too you, in this earthly exile, sing piously and wisely, remembering that which your Lawgiver, the Father, wrote concerning this matter: "Everywhere we believe in the divine presence... but we must believe this all the more without any doubt, when we attend the Divine Office... Therefore, let us consider how it is fitting to be in the presence of the Divinity and its Angels, and thus let us strive to sing so that our minds may agree with our voices."

2 However, although, according to the foundation of your Order, "nothing is placed before the Work of God," we know that countless and most excellent works do not fail you, which pertain to acting properly, wisely, and holily, and to various apostolic endeavors: namely – and we shall address the most important – the study of the best arts and letters, the proper instruction and education of youth, the ministrations of parishes, and the spread of the Catholic religion through heralds of the divine word, even in places that are not yet illuminated by the light of the Gospel, or among peoples separated from this Apostolic See; and you accomplish this not only in Europe, but also in Africa, in Asia, in America, and in Australia.

3 Therefore, we have reason to congratulate you very much, most beloved sons; and furthermore, we do not doubt that in this assembly of yours held on the Aventine Hill, from which the beautiful view of the Eternal City is visible, you will adopt the best resolutions, which, taking into account the diversity of places and peoples, will be directed primarily to that fraternal association which characterizes your Order, uniting and strengthening the minds of all with concord and the sweet bond of charity. The light that shines forth from the Benedictine Rule, and which illuminates so many monasteries almost everywhere on earth, is one, as you know, and yet manifold, in much the same way as the light of the sun, when refracted by a prism, generates various colors, which seem to demonstrate the splendor of divine power and beauty. You, who have come here from various parts of the world, know through experience what is most suited to your particular religious families; therefore, you have applied your prudence to this matter. Put into practice those things which you have decided upon together, always preserving the unity of minds.

1 Reg. S. Benedicti, c. 43.

2 Cfr. Ps. 46, 8; et 137, 1.

3 Reg. S. Benedicti, c. 19.

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4 Cfr. ibid. c. 19.

[*Latin ed. p. 709*]

We earnestly exhort you, that your deliberations may be peaceful and harmonious, and directed not towards matters that divide, but rather towards those that unite. Furthermore, while you faithfully and entirely observe the ancient laws of your venerable Order and its loving precepts, as is fitting, do not hesitate to embrace with an open mind whatever good is suggested, whether it be new technical inventions, or that which experience has shown to be useful in our times, or finally, whatever new undertakings in the apostolate, initiated with due order, may require. It is beyond doubt that, in addressing and resolving those questions which most pertain to the growth of your esteemed Order, you have brought forth both prudence and wisdom, not only from yourselves, but also from those who are entrusted with your concerns. Since these matters are of the utmost importance to the welfare and honor of the Church itself, it is entirely fitting that the most fervent blessings and prayers of the Supreme Pontiff may accompany your labors and endeavors, so that God may grant a favorable outcome to your efforts. To ensure that you may achieve this with success, let you adopt into your conduct this excellent sentiment, with which we conclude our paternal address, from Thomas à Kempis: "Obey quickly, pray frequently, meditate devoutly, labor diligently, study readily, avoid conversations, love solitude, and devotion makes a monk."

And meanwhile, we desire to confirm and strengthen these exhortations and wishes with our Apostolic Blessing, which we impart to you individually, to all of you, and to your confreres – especially to the Primatial Abbot and to the other Abbots and Superiors among you – with the greatest benevolence.

RADIO MESSAGE CONCLUDING THE CELEBRATIONS FOR THE XV EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, HELD BY THE ITALIAN NATION IN CATANIA.

"Sing to the Lord, for He is gloriously exalted!" We repeat these words of praise and gratitude to the Divine Savior, at this solemn moment in which, Venerable Brothers and beloved sons, you gather, filled with love, around the Eucharistic throne.

* "Sing to the Lord, for He is gloriously exalted!" (Exodus 15:1)

* *From the "Hortulus Rosarum," chapter 9.*

* *September 13, 1959.*

[*Latin ed. p. 710*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 710. Jesus, at the conclusion of the XVI National Eucharistic Congress. These days, vast crowds of the faithful have gathered in Catania from all parts of Sicily and Italy. Oh, how we remember Catania, from the happy days of our meeting with

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its venerable Archbishop, Cardinal Nava, who welcomed us into his home during our visit there in 1923, while we were engaged in the work of promoting and invigorating missionary cooperation in Italy, a work to which we had been called two years earlier by Pope Benedict XV, of blessed and pious memory. The city of Etna, seated as a splendid queen before the Ionian Sea, and surrounded by the majestic scenery of natural beauty that adorns it, rich in millennial monuments, but even more rich in glorious Christian memories, has been – therefore – the primacy of vibrant manifestations in honor of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. For this reason, our heart is particularly close to you this evening, and we rejoice to express to you, with the precious aid of radio waves, our heartfelt satisfaction. And it is natural that, looking at the fervent tributes of love and praise offered to the Eucharist, we add our own personal homage, for the comfort of the common faith, and as a seal of the new page of piety that the beloved children of Italy have admirably written in the annals of their religious history. Your prayers, your hymns, the solemn rites to which you have attended, have been incessantly directed in adoration of the Eucharistic Bread, which the lessons of the esteemed Masters of the Congress have presented to your eyes in all its vivifying splendor. And wishing to summarize what has been accomplished during these days, we can rightly point to the worship of the Eucharist as the most luminous and complete expression of the Catholic religion. Indeed, the Sacrament of the Altar is called, in the very act of the consecration of the chalice, "Mysterium fidei," the mystery of faith, that is, the living compendium of the entire Catholic Creed. From it, indeed, shines the Sun of Justice, Jesus, the only Mediator between God and men, the unbloody Victim of reconciliation between earth and heaven. In it is the perpetual memorial of the sacrifice offered by Him on Calvary for our salvation. In it He is present as Head of the Mystical Body, source of the Sacraments, which give fruitfulness and beauty to the spiritual garden of the Church. Foreseeing the triumph that the ignominy of the Cross would merit for Him, Jesus said one day: "When I shall be exalted from the earth, I will draw all things to Myself."

[*Latin ed. p. 711*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 711, 2, addressed to me. These words are fitting for the Eucharistic Bread, because of the richness of the heavenly treasures that it contains. Indeed, even the Sacrament of the Altar is a center of mysterious attraction. For twenty centuries of progress in the sciences, the arts, culture, and economics, and for the changes that have occurred in the political and social spheres, the words of Christ have not diminished in value: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, you have no life in you... This is the bread that comes down from heaven; If any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever." Therefore, overcoming with the strength of our faith and the fervor

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of our acclamations the confused voices of the opponents, who have never been lacking, and looking at the countless multitude of martyrs and saints, who have drawn from the Eucharist the secret and the strength of their greatness, we together repeat to Jesus: "Lord, give us always of this bread," for you are "the bread of life."

Venerable Brothers and beloved sons! We will not dwell on illustrating the meaning of the fourth petition of the Our Father, chosen as the theme of the Congress. But in this solemn hour, we wish to emphasize the threefold prerogative of that "daily bread," which the children of the Church must ask for and expect, with trust and desire, from the providence of the heavenly Father.

a) First of all, it must be our bread, that is, requested in the name of all. "The Lord," as St. John Chrysostom warns, "has taught in the Our Father to address to God a prayer also on behalf of our brothers. He wants, that is, that we not raise to God supplications having in view only our own interests, but also those of our neighbor. With this, He intends to combat enmities and suppress arrogance."

b) Furthermore, it must be substantial bread, that is to say, necessary for our sustenance. And since man is composed of body and immortal spirit, the bread that we must ask of God will not only be the "temporal" bread, but, as the learned Doctor of the Eucharist, St. Thomas, wisely observes, especially the "spiritual" bread, which is God Himself, truth to be contemplated and goodness to be loved; and also the "sacramental" bread, that is, the Body of the Savior, sign and viaticum of eternal life. (John 12:32; John 6:54, 59; John 6:34, 35).

(References: In Matthew, chapter 6, homily 19; PG 57, 278. Cf. Commentary on Matthew, chapter 6.)

[*Latin ed. p. 712*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium 712 Officiale c) The third, and no less important, quality of the daily bread is that it is one, that is, a symbol and cause of unity. "For just as that body is united to Christ, so too we are united through this bread," continues St. John Chrysostom: "For just as that body is like Christ, so too we are united through this bread." 7 There is no doubt that the Eucharistic bread is a figure and source of unity in the Mystical Body, both for the minds that it illuminates and leads to the profession of the same divine truths, and for the wills that it kindles with the same flame of love for God and neighbor: a flame that does not remain hidden within the walls of the domestic hearth or the temple, but which, by its very nature, tends to spread and ignite. Oh! If the Eucharist were better understood by Christians, more worthily and frequently received. How much more abundant would be the fruits of concord, of peace, of spiritual decorum that would result for the Church and the entire world. How many problems that agitate minds would be more readily and effectively

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resolved, thanks to the spirit of sincere and perfect brotherhood, which prevents in individuals dangerous initiatives, and preserves from compromise with the forces and seductions of the world. Indeed, true Eucharistic devotion leads to loyalty, rectitude, and moral uprightness, even at the cost of personal sacrifice for the common good. We do not hesitate, indeed, to affirm that rulers and peoples are destined to remain at the mercy of natural egoisms and divisions, if they do not conform their laws to those norms of Christian justice and love, of which the Sacrament of the Altar is the true and inexhaustible source. Therefore, let not the Eucharist be seen as only the good of the faithful communicant, but, as the Angelic Doctor says, "the spiritual common good of the entire Church, which is there substantially present." 8 Venerable Brothers and beloved sons! In the lesson of the breviary for the feast of St. Agatha, we read this edifying expression: "Multo praestantior est christiana humilitas et servitus regum opibus ac superbia": "The Christian humility of the servants of God is much greater than the riches and pride of kings." 9 This sentiment of humility and of willing service to God and His Church has led you to today's profession of faith and love.

[*Latin ed. p. 713*]

From the Acts of Pope John XXIII, page 713: From this moment forward, it will be more generous than in the past, after the act of consecration of Italia, which you have performed, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We trust that, through this homage to the Most Holy Virgin, all Italians will, with renewed fervor, venerate her as the Mother of the Mystical Body, of which the Eucharist is the symbol and the vital center; they will imitate in her the most perfect model of union with Jesus, our Head; they will join themselves to her in the offering of the Divine Victim, and through her maternal intercession, they will implore for the Church the gifts of unity, of peace, and especially a more abundant and faithful flourishing of priestly vocations. In this way, the consecration will become a motive for ever greater commitment to the practice of Christian virtues, a most effective defense against the evils that threaten it, and a source of temporal prosperity, according to the promises of Christ. O Divine Bread, descended from Heaven, to give life to the world! O beloved Shepherd of our souls, from your throne of glory, where "God hidden" quickens families and peoples with your grace, look upon the beloved Nation of Italia, which is entirely united before You, to renew before You the expression of its fidelity and its love. You have bestowed upon it the incomparable gift of being chosen as the seat of Your Vicar on earth; for centuries, it has sung your praises from its cathedrals, from the splendid works of its artists, from the writings of its poets, from the simple and industrious life of its ancient cities. May its sons of the metropolitan territory, and its emigrants whom we have encountered with such satisfaction in the ways of the world, in the

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East and in the West, heirs conscious and faithful of the devotion of their fathers, remain steadfast with You in the firmness of faith, in the certainty of hope, and in the ardor of charity. From the altar, where you perpetually renew your sacrifice, may you always be for them the Teacher, the Consoler, the Savior, He who gives the nourishment that preserves from corruption and death. We commend to You in a particular manner the sick, the poor, the needy, and those who ask for bread and work, imploring for them all the comfort of Your Providence; we pray for families, that they may be fertile centers of Christian life; we present to You the young, the hope of the Church and the Fatherland, that they may, preserved from the dangers of soul and body, prepare themselves with seriousness and joy for the duties of life; we pray for priests, for the students of the Sanctuary, for consecrated souls, for educators, for workers. Over all...

[*Latin ed. p. 714*]

That you may come to know the abundance of your grace, that Italy, which derives its true greatness from You, may continue to be an example of noble and generous virtues, a cradle of saints, a center of truth and light. Strengthened by such confidence, as a fitting culmination of this devout glorification of the "Bread of Angels," "which has become food for us pilgrims," we impart, with all our heart, to all those present at the solemn ceremony, whether in person or in spirit, and first of all to our most worthy Cardinal Legate, to the Cardinals, to the zealous Archbishop of Catania, and to our Brothers in the Episcopate, the comforting Apostolic Blessing.

[*Latin ed. p. 715*]

Sacred Congregational Acts 715. SACRED CONGREGATION CONSISTORIAL. UXENTINE (UXENTINE - SAINT MARY OF LEUCAS). DECREE CONCERNING THE CHANGE OF NAME OF THE DIOCESE.

The Sanctuary of Saint Mary of Leucas, not celebrated in vain for centuries, is especially observed because it has been a bulwark against the Turks and other enemies of the Christian faith for the entire Salentine region, and a safeguard. The city of Leucas, endowed with such a sanctuary, was worthy of having its own bishop from ancient times, and the episcopal jurisdiction and its cathedra were established there, until, due to more frequent enemy incursions, Pope John XXII transferred the seat to a safer place, namely the city of Alexanum, retaining the name of Leucas. Finally, in the year 1818, the territory of the extinct diocese of Alexanum was united to the diocese of Uxentina.

Now, Joseph Ruotolo, Bishop of Uxentina, whether to confirm in his faithful the devotion of the fathers towards the Mother of God, and to stir up their spirits to persevere in the struggles, or to obtain the benefits of the Immaculate Mother, or to strengthen the bonds of devotion and obedience towards the Supreme Pontiff in the people, recently requested from the

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Apostolic See that the diocese of Uxentina be called "Saint Mary of Leucas" as well.

Having considered all these things most carefully, Our Most Holy Lord Pope John, by Divine Providence XXIII, with the advice of the undersigned Cardinal Secretary of the Sacred Congregation Consistorial, having heard the prayers offered, benevolently decided to grant this request. Therefore, the same Holiness, by this Consistorial Decree, which is valid as if it were a Decree issued by the Apostolic See with the seal, grants that, with the addition of the name of Saint Mary of Leucas, the diocese of Uxentina...

[*Latin ed. p. 716*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 716, so that it may henceforth be called and be validly named "Uxentina-St. Mary of Leucas": with this appellation, the Bishop of Uxenta shall also possess the same rights. To accomplish these things, the Sacred Congregation for Bishops appoints the Most Reverend Father Joseph Ruotolo, Bishop of Uxenta, granting him the necessary and appropriate powers, including the power to delegate, to any man holding an ecclesiastical office, to carry out the aforementioned task, and to send, as soon as possible, to the same Sacred Congregation for Bishops, an authentic copy of the completed act. All contrary things notwithstanding. Given at Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Congregation for Bishops, on the 1st day of August, in the year 1959. [Signature] MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI, Bishop of Sabina and Mantenna, Secretary. [Signature] S. Ernestus Civardi, Substitute.

(HERMOSILLO) DECREE CONCERNING THE CHANGE OF NAME OF THE DIOCESE.

Since, by Apostolic Letters under the lead seal, entitled "Cum petiisset," dated the twentieth day of June, in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, the Diocese of Sonora was divided into two parts, and the name of the Diocese of the City of Obrogonensis, from the town commonly called Ciudad Obregón, was assigned to one part, while the other part has, until now, retained the old name of Sonora, which is proper to the entire State or civil province, in order to avoid confusion, it has been deemed fitting to change the title of this diocese. Therefore, the Sacred Congregation for Bishops, by virtue of the special powers granted to it by His Most Holy Father, Pope John, by the Divine Providence, XXIII, at the request of the Ordinary of Sonora, and with the favorable opinion of the Most Reverend Father Aloysius Raimondi, titular Archbishop of Tarsus, Apostolic Delegate in the Republic of Mexico, has decided and decreed that the aforementioned Diocese of Sonora shall henceforth be called by the name of the episcopal city, to which the name Hermosillo belongs, "Hermosillensis," as is customary,

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and that its Bishop for the time being shall also be called "Hermosillensis."

[*Latin ed. p. 717*]

The Sacred Congregation of Rites, 717. By which the present Decrees of the Consistory shall have the same force as if they were issued under the Apostolic seal. All contrary things to the contrary notwithstanding. Given in Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory, on the 1st of September, in the year 1959. SB MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI, Bishop of Sabina and Monden, Secretary. L. S. Most Reverend Joseph Ferretto, Archbishop of Serdica, Assistant.

SACRED CONGREGATION OF RITES

CONCERNING THE BEATIFICATION AND CANONIZATION OF THE SERVANT OF GOD, PETER JOSEPH SA VELBERG, PRIEST, FOUNDER OF THE CONGREGATIONS OF THE BROTHERS AND LITTLE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH.

ON THE QUESTION: Whether the commission for the introduction of the cause should be signed in this case and for the purpose in question.

The Catholic Church is undoubtedly the city which the Most High founded on holy mountains, and which the sacred prophet proclaims and praises for its beauty and glory (Cf. Ps. 86, 1 and following verses). This foundation was chosen by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and He Himself delivered Himself up for it, that He might sanctify it; that it might have no wrinkle, nor any such thing, but that it might be holy and without blemish (Cf. Eph. 5, 26 and following verses). In this Church of Christ, otherwise among tiles and signs, Holiness shines brightly, both active and passive, as it is called. Active, indeed, because Christ Himself, the source of all holiness, has bestowed upon it suitable and necessary means for this purpose; passive, because it ought to shine forth in its members, because...

[*Latin ed. p. 718*]

The purpose of Christ cannot be frustrated. And indeed, as history testifies, the Church has produced countless examples of sanctity and has borne abundant fruit in every age. However, it must not be thought that the Church's concern for the cultivation of souls is so exclusively focused that it neglects those things which pertain to the mortal and earthly life of men. Following the example of the Divine Master, who had compassion on the crowd (cf. Mt. 8:2), many men and women, inflamed by Christian charity, have aided the poor, the sick, orphans, and all those in need with every kind of help, so that, by providing material assistance, they might lead them to Christ. Among these, the Servant of God, Peter Joseph Savelberg, deserves to be mentioned. He was born in Rechen, a city in the Netherlands, where, with parents of good standing and adorned with Christian morals,

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he came into the world on February 10, 1827, and was regenerated with the blessed waters of Baptism the following day. His parents, with great care and diligence, guided him and his other brothers on the path of the Lord. Nourished early by the Holy Eucharist, the Servant of God gave good promise of himself, not only in his studies but also in the cultivation of religion and good morals. In 1844, he went to Brussels to live with a relative who was a merchant. In this city, he began to abhor worldly things and seems to have first perceived his priestly vocation. From there, in 1816, he entered the Minor Seminary of Roermond, where he commendably completed his studies in the humanities. He then devoted himself to theological studies at the greater Sacred Athenaeum in Roermond, where, having been initiated into the sacred orders, he was raised to the priesthood on September 3, 1854. Having become a priest, he did not cease to study the sacred sciences and to strive for higher perfection, but rather imposed a stricter way of life upon himself. For the sake of strengthening his frail health, he was sent to Nonnenwerth, where he admirably carried out the spiritual guidance of the Sisters, and in 1863 he was chosen as an excellent coadjutor assistant pastor in the town of Schaesburg, near his native city; and later, he held the same office in the city of Heerlen itself. While performing these duties, on October 4, 1867, he was the author of the foundation of the Congregation of the Little Sisters of Saint Joseph, in order to help infants, children, and the elderly or infirm who were suffering in their physical or spiritual miseries. Burning with the charity of Christ, the Servant of God, in 1872, laid the foundations of another Institute, namely the Congregation of the Brothers of Saint Joseph, in order to better serve the poorer elderly. In 1884, in order to encourage priestly vocations and to help them,

[*Latin ed. p. 719*]

The Sacred Congregation of Rites established a Latin school, which subsequently brought forth benefits not to be scorned for the cultivation of Latinity there. Already in the year 1879, at the urging and with the approval of the Bishop, a refuge was founded for "retired" priests, to receive and support them, to which later was added a hydrotherapeutic institute, named after Kneipp, for the care of those suffering from diseases of the nerves and mind. Finally, having lost the strength of his body, but full of merits, fortified with the sacraments of the Church, the Servant of God passed away on February 11th of the year 1907. The Servant of God, since his tender years having excelled in the innocence of his manners and the practice of excellent virtues, had already acquired a reputation for holiness during his lifetime, which did not diminish after his death, and was seen to be confirmed by heavenly signs. Hence, a cause was begun by the ordinary, to grant him the honors of the blessed, with proceedings instituted in the ecclesiastical court of Roermond during the years 1934-1936. These proceedings were sent to Rome, according to the established legal

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procedure, and were subjected to a rigorous examination by the Sacred Congregation of Rites. In the meantime, letters from the Most Holy Roman Pontiff, from Cardinals, from sacred prelates, and from those who hold public office, as well as from numerous faithful, reached the Supreme Pontiff, in which they earnestly urged the introduction of the cause before the aforementioned Sacred Congregation of Rites. Therefore, with all legal requirements observed, the same Sacred Congregation of Rites, having considered the writings pertaining to the Servant of God, decreed on March 11th of the year 1955 that it could proceed further. Subsequently, at the urging of the Most Reverend Joseph Damen, the Urban Prefect and Rector of the Pontifical College of the Netherlands in the City, and the most diligent Promoter of this Cause, the Most Reverend Cardinal Aloisi Masella, Bishop of Palestrina, and the Promoter or Relator of this Cause, proposed a question for discussion at the Ordinary meetings of the Sacred Congregation of Rites held in the Vatican on May 21st of the year 1957, namely: Whether a commission should be appointed for the introduction of the cause, in this case and to the effect of what is being considered. Those present, the Most Reverend Fathers, entrusted with safeguarding the sacred rites, having heard the report of the Cardinal Promoter, and having heard the votes of the Prelate Officials, especially the Reverend Father Silvii, of Rome, the General Promoter of the Faith, having carefully considered all matters, they judged it fitting to respond: Affirmative, that is, that a commission should be appointed, if it pleases the Most Holy [Pope]. Finally, on the aforementioned date, through the aforementioned General Promoter of the Faith, a faithful report on these matters was presented to the Most Blessed Father John, Pope XXIII, and accordingly, His Holiness, in accordance with the judgment of the Sacred Congregation of Rites,

[*Latin ed. p. 720*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See, Volume 720, having been approved, the commission for the introduction of the cause of beatification of the Servant of God, Peter Joseph Savelberg, was duly signed by His own hand. Given in Rome, on the 22nd of April in the year of Our Lord 1959. O. Card. CICOGNANI, Prefect. © S. Henry Dante, Prosecretary.

NOTICE: In the fascicle No. 11 of this year, in the Office of Saint Lawrence of Brindisi (page 593): in Lesson IV (line 4), instead of: "ordained priest," read: "inaugurated priest"; in Lesson V (line 8), instead of: "assigned to Hungary," read: "present in Hungary."

[*Latin ed. p. 721*]

Sacra Romana Rota 721. ACTA TRIBUNALIUM. SACRA ROMANA ROTA. Citatio edictalis. DE NULLITATE MATRIMONII ET DISPENSATIONE SUPER MATRIMONIUM RATO (PURGHE - MARTINUZZI).

Cum ignoratur locus actualis commorationis Dñi Francisci Martinuzzi,

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in causa conventi, eundem citamus ad comparendum, sive per se sive per procuratorem legitime constitutum, in Sede Tribunalis S. R. Rotae (Roma, Palazzo della Cancelleria) die 19 Decembris 1959, hora undecima cum dimidio, ad disputandum de dubiis concordandis vel ad infrascripta dubia subscribenda, et ad diem designandam, qua habebitur Turnus Rotalis pro causae definitione.

1. An constet de matrimonii nullitate, in casu; et quatenus negative;

2. An consilium praestandum sit Sanctissimo pro dispensatione super matrimonio rato et non consummato, in casu.

Ordinarii locorum, parochi, sacerdotes et fideles quicumque notitiam habentes de loco commorationis praedicti Dñi Francisci Martinuzzi curare debent, ut de hac edictali citatione ipse moneatur.

Ioannes M. Pinna, Ponens Ex Cancellaria Tribunalis S. R. Rotae, die 3 Octobris a. 1959. C. Pezzicara, Notarius.

Etant inconnu le lieu de la demeure actuelle de M. François Martinuzzi, défendeur en cette cause, nous le citons à comparaître, par propre personne ou par un procureur légitimement constitué, au siège du Tribunal de la S. Rote Romaine (Roma, Palazzo della Cancelleria) le 19 décembre 1959, à 11 heures et demie, pour concorder ou souscrire les doutes ci-dessous rapportés, et fixer le jour de la décision de la cause devant la Rote. Gonste-t-il de la nullité du mariage dans cette cause? Et dans la négative: Doit-on interroger le Saint-Père pour la dispense super rato et non consummato, dans le cas? Les Ordinaires des lieux, les curés, les prêtres, les fidèles ayant connaissance du lieu de la résidence du dit M. François Martinuzzi devront, dans la mesure du possible, l'avertir de la présente citation. 46 - ACTA, vol. I, n. 13. — 26-10-1959.

Translation:

Sacra Romana Rota 721. MINUTES OF THE TRIBUNALS. SACRA ROMANA ROTA. Summons by edict. CONCERNING THE NULLITY OF MARRIAGE AND A DISPENSATION REGARDING A VALID, BUT UNCONSUMMATED, MARRIAGE (PURGHE - MARTINUZZI).

Since the current place of residence of the aforementioned Mr. Francis Martinuzzi is unknown, in this cause, we summon him to appear, either in person or through a duly appointed procurator, at the seat of the Tribunal of the Sacred Roman Rota (Rome, Palazzo della Cancelleria) on December 19, 1959, at half-past eleven o'clock, to discuss and agree upon matters of doubt, or to subscribe to the following questions, and to set the date for the hearing before the Rota for the determination of this cause.

1. Does the nullity of the marriage exist in this case? And, if so, to what extent?

2. Should counsel be sought from the Most Holy Father regarding a dispensation concerning a marriage that is valid but not consummated, in

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this case?

The ordinaries of the places, the parish priests, the priests, and all the faithful who have knowledge of the place of residence of the aforementioned Mr. Francis Martinuzzi, ought, insofar as possible, to ensure that he is informed of this summons by edict.

Ioannes M. Pinna, Secretary from the Chancery of the Tribunal of the Sacred Roman Rota, October 3, 1959. C. Pezzicara, Notary.

Since the current place of residence of Mr. François Martinuzzi, the defendant in this cause, is unknown, we summon him to appear, either in person or through a duly appointed procurator, at the seat of the Tribunal of the Sacred Roman Rota (Rome, Palazzo della Cancelleria) on December 19, 1959, at 11:30 AM, to discuss and agree upon the doubts mentioned below, and to set the date for the hearing of this cause before the Rota. Does the nullity of the marriage exist in this case? And, if not: Should the Holy Father be consulted regarding a dispensation concerning a marriage that is valid but not consummated, in this case? The ordinaries of the places, the parish priests, the priests, and the faithful who have knowledge of the place of residence of the aforementioned Mr. François Martinuzzi should, insofar as possible, inform him of this summons. 46 - MINUTES, Volume I, No. 13. — October 26, 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 722*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 722. DIARY OF THE ROMAN CURIA. Wednesday, October 7, 1959. The Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, received in a solemn Audience His Excellency, Baron Guy Le RoydelaTournelle, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of France, for the presentation of his Credentials.

SECRETARY OF STATE. APPOINTMENTS. By Apostolic Briefs, the Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, happily reigning, deigned to appoint:

May 20, 1959. The Most Reverend and Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe Caprio, Apostolic Nuncio to China.

July 9. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Giovanni Battista Maury, Archbishop titular of Laodicea of Phrygia, Apostolic Delegate to Dakar.

July 13. The Most Reverend and Reverend Monsignor Vittore Ugo Righi, Apostolic Internuncio to Iran.

July 17. The Most Eminent and Reverend Lord Cardinal Gregorio Pietro Agagianian, Protector of the Daughters of the Divine Redeemer (Sopron, Hungary).

August. The Most Eminent and Reverend Lord Cardinal Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Protector of the "Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries" (Rome).

August 29. The Most Eminent and Reverend Lord Cardinal Pietro Ciriaci, Protector of the Sisters Servants of the Most Holy Trinity (Rome).

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By Letters from the Secretary of State, the Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, happily reigning, deigned to appoint:

Assistants to the Papal Throne:

June 5, 1959. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Ottone Raible, Bishop titular of Anemurium.

His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Raffaele Campelli, Bishop of Cagli and Pergola.

His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Matteo Guido Sperandeo, Bishop of Calvi and Teano.

[*Latin ed. p. 723*]

Diarium Romanae Curiae 723, June 19, July 10, 1959. His Most Reverend Grace, Monsignor Giovanni Mele, Bishop of Lungro. His Most Reverend Grace, Monsignor Emiliano Cagnoni, Bishop of Cefalù. June 24. His Most Reverend Grace, Monsignor Leone Giovanni Battista Nigris, Titular Archbishop of Philippi. July 31. His Most Reverend Grace, Monsignor Camillo Paolo Stappers, Titular Bishop of Ceramo. September 5. His Most Reverend Grace, Monsignor Luigi Boccadoro, Bishop of Montefiascone. Apostolic Protonotaries, with the privileges of those participating: November 13, 1958. Monsignor Giovanni Giuseppe De Azevedo, of the diocese of Taubaté. February 6, 1959. Monsignor Enrico Grenier, of the archdiocese of Québec. April 10. Monsignor Carlo J. Feltes, of the diocese of Fort Wayne. May 8. Monsignor Simone Delacroix, of the archdiocese of Cambrai. May 15. Monsignor Giovanni F. Eckenrode, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Edwin L. Leonard, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Stanislao A. Wachowiak, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Luigi C. Vaeth, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Giuseppe J. Leary, of the same archdiocese. June 22. Monsignor Gabriele Soins, of the archdiocese of Marseille. June 12. Monsignor Giovanni Hottot, of the archdiocese of Paris. Monsignor Michele Potevin, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Raimondo Touvet, of the same archdiocese. July 24. Monsignor Giuseppe Pretto, of the diocese of Padua. Monsignor Alfredo Bontempi, of the diocese of Recanati-Loreto. Monsignor Edoardo Kasal, of the diocese of Winona. August 3. Monsignor Gildo Brugnola, of the diocese of Narni. August 7. Monsignor Tommaso B. McDonald, of the diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. August 14. Monsignor Robert Charland, of the diocese of Mcolet. Monsignor Paolo Mayrand, of the same diocese. Domestic Prelates of His Holiness: November 13, 1958. Monsignor Ronald Me Lean, of the diocese of Antigonish. January 20, 1959. Monsignor Giovanni Aristide De Oliveira, of the diocese of Pouso Alegre. Monsignor Gioacchino De Oliveira Noronha, of the same diocese. Monsignor Pietro Samuele Gonçalves Cintra, of the same diocese. Monsignor Aristeo Lopez, of the

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same diocese. Monsignor Giovanni Battista M. Rigotti, of the same diocese.

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Monsignor Torriani Alderigo Maria, of the same diocese.

21. Monsignor Chiaramonte Paolo, of the diocese of Passo Fundo.

Monsignor Magrin Fioravante, of the same diocese.

February 3. Monsignor Hanrahan Tommaso, of the diocese of Christchurch.

6. Monsignor Eamos Filippo Alessandro, of the diocese of Chiapas.

Monsignor Ramos Giuseppe Ruben, of the same diocese.

13. Monsignor Azcunaga López de Arechaga Pietro, of the diocese of Bilbao.

Monsignor Montini Carlo, of the diocese of Brzesc.

27. Monsignor Locks Giuseppe, of the archdiocese of Florianópolis.

Monsignor Izquierdo Molins Francesco, of the archdiocese of Saragozza.

March 6. Monsignor Knauff Luigi Giuseppe, of the diocese of Chapel of St Peter-on-the-Wall.

Monsignor Roy Alfredo Luigi, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Vachon Alberto, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Corrales Garcia Francesco, of the diocese of Malaga.

Monsignor Gervais Gilles, of the diocese of San Giovanni di Québec.

13. Monsignor Lyons Roberto, of the archdiocese of Brisbane.

Monsignor Torpie Giovanni, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Aubin Luigi Giuseppe, of the diocese of Chicoutimi.

Monsignor Fortier Enrico, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Leveque Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Potvin Rolando, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Tremblay Alberto, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Tremblay Giuseppe Alberto, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Garcia Rivera David, of the diocese of Tampico.

Monsignor Martínez Giacomo, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Mayora Telleria Venceslao, of the diocese of San Sebastiano.

Monsignor Sudupe Larrañaga Giuseppe Cruz, of the same diocese.

20. Monsignor Belleza Giuseppe, of the diocese of Legaspi.

Monsignor Sánchez Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

April 3. Monsignor Herrero Garcias Valentino, of the archdiocese of Valenza.

Monsignor Gibert Mensa Valentino, of the diocese of Vich.

Monsignor Quer Rossell Michele, of the same diocese.

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10. Monsignor Keller Ottone A., of the diocese of Fort Wayne.

Monsignor Ryan R. Francesco, of the diocese of Rockville Centre.

Monsignor Liller H. Francesco, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Purick J. Mirone, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Zasowski F. Antonio, of the same diocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 725*]

Diarium Romanae Curiae, April 10th, 1959. May 24th, 1959. May 11th, 1959. May 12th, 1959. May 15th, 1959. May 22nd, 1959. May 29th, 1959. June 5th, 1959. June 12th, 1959. June 19th, 1959.

Monsignor Feeney, John Thomas, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Flynn, Martin, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Coiley, James, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Baldwin, Vincent, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Birmingham, Charles, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Mac Donald, Roland, of the same diocese.

Monsignor De Laura, Anthony, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Desautels, Alfred Leo, of the diocese of Burlington.

Monsignor Field, Harold Thomas, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Fox, William Dennis, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Marcoux, Charles John, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Van Garsse, William F., of the diocese of San Diego.

Monsignor de Provenchères, Robert, of the Archdiocese of Paris.

Monsignor O'Neill, John, of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Monsignor Braham, Edward, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Cartwright, Ignatius, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor McCormick, Leo, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Wooden, Roger, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor McGrath, Daniel, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Dorsch, David, of the same Archdiocese.

Monsignor Regan, Michael, of the diocese of Atlanta.

Monsignor Giraud, Louis, of the Archdiocese of Marseille.

Monsignor Boll, John, of the diocese of Scranton.

Monsignor Crotti, William, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Gavenda, Joseph, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Horan, Thomas, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Podkul, John, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Mariani, Angelo, of the diocese of Pavia.

Monsignor Dell'Acqua, Charles, of the Archdiocese of Milan.

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Monsignor Sironi, Jeremiah, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Rampi, Peter, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Ghianda, Albert, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Guidali, Claude, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Sironi, Joseph, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Vismara, Charles, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Rampoldi, Giles, of the same Archdiocese.
Monsignor Depoorter, Alphonse, of the diocese of Bruges.
Monsignor Dolceamore, Amadeus, of the diocese of Penne - Pescara.
Monsignor Borettini, Louis, of the diocese of Reggio-Emilia.
Monsignor Di Gallo, Anthony, of Rome.
Monsignor Frisch, Alfred Leo, of the diocese of Winona.
Monsignor Egan, Thomas, of the diocese of San Diego.
Monsignor Gallagher, John, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Miller, John, of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.
Monsignor Gerstenkorn, Joseph, of the diocese of Wichita.

[*Latin ed. p. 726*]

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cese. » Most Reverend Lorenzo Gaudet, of the diocese of Nicolet. » Most Reverend George Stefano Lemire, of the same diocese. » Most Reverend Anthony Melançon, of the same diocese. » Most Reverend Alfonso Roux, of the same diocese. » Most Reverend Theobald Tessier, of the same diocese. » Most Reverend Anthony Chiaromonte, of the diocese of Rapolla. » Most Reverend Frederick Bevere, of the diocese of Melfi. » Most Reverend Peter Colombo, of the diocese of Bergamo. » Most Reverend Joseph Cavagna, of the same diocese.

Secret chamberlains of His Holiness: November 13, 1958. Most Reverend Joseph Castellucci, of the archdiocese of San Sebastiano of Rio de Janeiro. » » » Most Reverend Giovanbattista Cavalcanti, of the same archdiocese. » » » Most Reverend Paul De Lima Ferreira, of the same archdiocese. » » » Most Reverend Porfirio De Souza, of the same archdiocese. » » » Most Reverend Paul Trabulci, of the same archdiocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 727*]

From the Roman Curial Diary, 727, November 13, 1958.

Most Reverend Cavalheiro Luigi Gonzaga, of the diocese of Taubaté.

Most Reverend Lobo Teodomiro, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Aucoin Luigi, of the archdiocese of Montréal.

December 29.

Most Reverend Mooney Teodoro, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Liddy Tommaso, of the diocese of Christchurch.

February 3, 1959.

Most Reverend Dos Santos Giuseppe Battista, of the diocese of Diamantina.

Most Reverend Smyth Francesco, of the diocese of Antigonish.

March 20.

Most Reverend López Giuseppe Sergio, of the archdiocese of Panamá.

Most Reverend Moreno Magaña Cristoforo, of the diocese of Jaén.

April 3.

Most Reverend Melton L. Edoardo, of the diocese of Rockville Centre.

Most Reverend Hanley H. Riccardo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Williams J. Francesco, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Me Garren P. Edgar, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Daly R. Tommaso, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Me Gann R. Giovanni, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Paredes Giuseppe Maria, of the diocese of Tacna.

Most Reverend Gasbarro Vincenzo, of the diocese of Trivento.

May 17.

Most Reverend Gelineau Edoardo, of the archdiocese of Burlington.

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May 24.
Most Reverend Henny Giuseppe, of the diocese of Chur.
May 29.
Most Reverend Quagli Giuseppe, of the diocese of Volterra.
June 5.
Most Reverend Ciulli Italo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Paoli Luigi, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Cavallini Maurizio, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Calonaci Pio, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Cesari Osvaldo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Gennai Lionello, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Vettori Oscar, of the same diocese.
June 15.
Most Reverend Del Valle Joglar Raul, of the archdiocese of Havana.
June 16.
Most Reverend White Porter J., of the archdiocese of Baltimore.
Most Reverend Spina Antonino, of the archdiocese of Catania.
June 22.
Most Reverend Ranieri Rino, of the diocese of Forlì.
Most Reverend Formica Rosario, of the diocese of Oppido Mameritina.
Most Reverend Bagnoli Leo, of the diocese of Cesena.
June 25.
Most Reverend Albanese Antonino, of the diocese of Mileto.
June 4.
Most Reverend Casuscelli Ottavio, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend De Gaetano Francesco, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend De Gennaro Giuseppe, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend De Lorenzo Pasquale, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Perri Domenico, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Varriale Gennaro, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Valentini Ubaldo, of the archdiocese of Milano.
Most Reverend Piazza Luigi, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Guardi Ambrogio, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Milani Aldo, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Cor disco Vittorio, of the diocese of Trivento.

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Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale 728 10 15 » » » » » » » » » June » » » » » » »)) 1959. Monsignor Cosma Giorgio,

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of the diocese of Oradea Mare. Monsignor Macchioni Francesco, of the diocese of Bagnoregio. Monsignor Moncelsi Galliano, of the same diocese. Monsignor Buttinelli Giovanni (Rome). Monsignor Di Silvio Flavio (Rome). Monsignor Giovanni Battista Bosso, of the Archdiocese of Turin. Monsignor Michele Grosso, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Carlo Merlo, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Silvio Solero, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Giuseppe Sona, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Candido Balma, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Aleramo Cravos, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Vincenzo Arcozzi Masino, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Luigi Gorgellino, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Luigi Chiantore, of the same archdiocese. Monsignor Albino Agazzi, of the diocese of Caxias. Monsignor Tiago Bombardelli, of the same diocese. Monsignor Giovanni Zie, of the diocese of Veglia (Krk). Monsignor Mario Haljié, of the same diocese. Monsignor Michele Bolonic, of the same diocese. Monsignor Giuseppe Falcon, of the diocese of Concordia. Monsignor Pio Della Valentina, of the same diocese. Monsignor Umberto Cadelli, of the same diocese. Monsignor Vincenzo Perulli, of the same diocese. Monsignor Fioravante Indri, of the same diocese. Monsignor Alfonso Brovedani, of the same diocese. Monsignor Giorgio Brain, of the diocese of Osnabrück. Monsignor Cristiano Dolfen, of the same diocese. Monsignor Antonio Feltmann, of the same diocese. Monsignor Giuseppe Hellmann, of the same diocese. Monsignor Teodoro Helming, of the same diocese. Monsignor Ermanno Hermes, of the same diocese. Monsignor Giovanni Langenberg, of the same diocese. Monsignor Enrico Ohrmann, of the same diocese. Monsignor Bernardo Quaing, of the same diocese. Monsignor Enrico Rahe, of the same diocese. Monsignor Giovanni Ridders, of the same diocese. Monsignor Mattia Rosemann, of the same diocese. Monsignor Enrico Timpe, of the same diocese. Monsignor Pietro Nani, of the diocese of Acqui. Monsignor Giovanni Palladino, of the Archdiocese of Capua. Monsignor Reccaredo Casey, of the Archdiocese of Dublin. Monsignor Vladimiro Usmiani, of the diocese of Senj. Monsignor Igino Roscetti, of the abbey "nullius" of Subiaco. Monsignor Oscar Nunes Coelho, of the diocese of Aterrado. Monsignor Giuseppe Aparecido Pereira, of the same diocese. Monsignor Alfredo Dorh, of the same diocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 729*]

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Monsignor Landolfi Stefano, of the diocese of Aversa.

Monsignor Maiello Vincenzo, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Altomare Luigi, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Ferrara Luigi, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Pezzullo Gennaro, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Pietroluongo Giuseppe, of the same diocese.

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Monsignor Chiarello Amodio, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Pilleri Pasquale, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Barbato Bernardino, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Perfetto Luigi, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Dormido y Uy Isidro, of the diocese of Bacolod.
Monsignor Rebueno Abelardo, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Moneada Delfino, of the Archdiocese of Caracas.
Monsignor Rodríguez Morin Alessandro, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Carrillo Ortensio, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Pérez Cisneros Angelo M., of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Castillo Toro Francesco di Paola, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor González Feliciano, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Rimolo Francesco, of the diocese of Cassano all'Ionio.
Monsignor Massafra Cosma, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Fera Francesco, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Didona Anthony, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Campana Battista, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Falabella Salvatore, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Pennini Francesco, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Razminas Clemente, of the Archdiocese of Kaunas.
Monsignor Mlles Pietro, of the diocese of Treves.
Monsignor Me Cabe Kevin, of the diocese of Kilmore.
Monsignor Borelli Davino, of the Archdiocese of Lucca.
Monsignor Cantieri Pietro, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Guidi Emilio, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Micheli Emilio, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Moretti Angelo, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Renieri Frederick, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Rossini Angelo, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Sivieri Alfred, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Cabrini Gaetano, of the diocese of Mantova.
Monsignor Testoni Cesare, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Costa Celestino, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Lucasz Vincenzo Ilario, of the Archdiocese of Nagpur.
Monsignor Weyer Enrico, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Krizomali Urban, of the diocese of Spalato.
Monsignor Bezié Marino, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Bucan Anthony, of the same diocese.

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Monsignor Luger Ercolano, of the same diocese.

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Monsignor Bavcevié Giuseppe, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Taraschi Domenico, of the diocese of Teramo.
Monsignor Di Paolo Lorenzo, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Varani Tiberio, of the same diocese.
Monsignor De Federicis Domenico, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Albani Giulio, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Del Paggio Pasquale, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Di Pietro Alberto, of the same diocese.
Monsignor D'Ascanio Fioravante, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Magliocchetti Francesco, of the diocese of Veroli-Frosinone.
Monsignor Bobié Giuseppe, of the archdiocese of Zara.
Monsignor Pulisié Giovanni, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Felicinovié Giuseppe, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Mandié Antonio, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Segarié Tommaso, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Silvestrié Giovanni, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Sosa Antonio, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Dunand Maurizio, of the archdiocese of Ouritiba.
Monsignor Nock Giuseppe, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Mikosz Isidoro, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Falarz Enrico Osvaldo, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Falarz Boleslao, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Vitola Vincenzo, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Sperduti Giuseppe, of the diocese of Ferentino.
Monsignor Ceccanese Igino, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Peruzzi Cataldo, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Schietroma Fausto, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Galväo Abilio Amerigo, of the diocese of Garanhuns.
Monsignor Pinto Damaso Alfredo, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Da Mota Valença Adelmar, of the same diocese.
Monsignor Scolardi Gerardo, of the archdiocese of Marsiglia.
Monsignor Maddalone Domenico, of the archdiocese of Santa Severina.
Monsignor Sestito Giovanni Battista, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor D'Andrea Pietro, of the diocese of Barra do Pirai.
Monsignor Müsch Giovanni, of the same diocese.

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Monsignor Lopes Faria Gad, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Stanuch Lodovico, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Klaus Giuseppe Antonio, of the diocese of Porto Nazionale.

Monsignor Dos Passos Francesco Lino, of the diocese of Santos.

Monsignor Barberis Adolfo, of the archdiocese of Torino.

Monsignor Ferrerò Alfredo, of the same archdiocese.

Monsignor Filipello Giuseppe, of the same archdiocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 731*]

Diarium Romanum, June 25th. Curia, 731, 1959.

Most Reverend Murzone Silvio, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Rostagno Ippolito, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Pavesi Giovanni Battista, of the Archdiocese of Vitoria.

Most Reverend De Sanctis Michele, of the same Archdiocese.

"Honorary Chamberlains in the purple vestments of His Holiness: March 17th; May 5th; April 25th; June 19th; June 20th; July 25th; July 31st, 1959.

Most Reverend Velkme Giovanni, of the Diocese of Liepaja.

Most Reverend Grosbergs Adolfo, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Sardi Ulderico, of the Diocese of Volterra.

Most Reverend Merlini Giuseppe, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Marchi Giuseppe, of the Diocese of Cesena.

Most Reverend Rubino Nicola, of the Diocese of Mileto.

Most Reverend Valoppi Ettore, of the Diocese of Concordia.

Most Reverend Pascotto Sante, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Coromer Luigi, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Fratta Guglielmo, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Giacinto Antonio, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Spangaro Luigi, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Muzzatti Vincenzo, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Stefanini Giovanni Maria, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Della Valentina Giovanni, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Altobelli Clemente, of the Diocese of Veroli-Frosinone.

Most Reverend Biondi Antonio, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Ranalli Guido, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Roma Cleto, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Spani Molella Guido, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Vitaliani De Bellis Gaetano, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Chiavazza Carlo, of the Archdiocese of Turin.

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Most Reverend Vigo Andrea, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend D'Antonio Giovanni, of the Diocese of Nocera de' Pagani.

Honorary Chamberlains, extraordinary, with sword and mantle of His Holiness: May 25th; July 24th, 1959.

Mr. Rico y Climent de Diego y de Arandiga Alfredo, of the Archdiocese of Valencia.

Mr. Herder-Dorneich Teófilo, of the Archdiocese of Freiburg im Breisgau.

Honorary Prelate, beyond the city, of His Holiness: May 15th, 1959.

Most Reverend Andrade Reimers Emanuele, of the Archdiocese of Quito.

[*Latin ed. p. 732*]

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HONORS

With tickets from the Secretariat of State, the Most Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, reigning happily, deigned to bestow:

The Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great: July 15, 1959.

Upon His Excellency Kishi Nobusuke, Prime Minister of Japan.

The Knighthood of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great: July 31, 1959.

Upon the Marquess del Gallo di Roccagiovine Pietro (Rome).

The Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, civil class: July 6, 1959.

Upon the Duke Gallarati Scotti Tommaso, of the archdiocese of Milan.

Upon Mr. Matsumoto Shunichi (Japan).

The Commander's Cross with Plaque of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, civil class: July 17, 1959.

Upon His Excellency Carreiro de Freitas Antero (Portugal).

Upon Mr. Bigagli Giuseppe, of the diocese of Prato.

The Plaque of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, civil class: May 29, 1959.

Upon Mr. Gessi Leone (Rome).

June 5, 1959.

Upon Mr. Rossi de Gasperis Giovanni (Rome).

Upon Mr. Soleti Adolfo (Rome).

The Commander's Cross of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great, civil class: February 6, 1959.

Upon Mr. Filtri Dino, of the diocese of Brzesc.

Upon Mr. Lombardi Adolfo, of the same diocese.

April 17, 1959.

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Upon Mr. De Wohl Luigi, of the diocese of Basle.
May 22, 1959.
Upon Mr. Abbate Arnold, of the diocese of Gallipoli.
Upon Mr. Buccarella Francesco, of the same diocese.
Upon Mr. Martin Giovanni, of the diocese of Tarbes and Lourdes.
May 29, 1959.
Upon Mr. Giessriegl Carlo, of the archdiocese of Vienne.
June 5, 1959.
Upon Mr. Acaye Filippo, of the diocese of Gulu.
Upon Mr. Rebecchini Camillo (Rome).
Upon Mr. Cartoni Paolo (Rome).
Upon Mr. Magi Filippo (Rome).
June 12, 1959.
Upon Mr. Peggiori Giuseppe, of the archdiocese of Milan.
June 26, 1959.
Upon Mr. Reynaud Roger, of the archdiocese of Luxembourg.
Upon Mr. Fenaroli Giuseppe, of the archdiocese of Milan.
Upon Mr. Barbetti Albert (Rome).
July 3, 1959.
Upon Mr. de Margerie Emanuele (France).
July 10, 1959.
Upon Mr. Pizzini Carlo Albert (Rome).
July 15, 1959.
Upon Mr. Hirose Tatsuo (Japan).
July 17, 1959.
Upon Mr. Pacheco de Figueiredo Giovanni E., of the archdiocese of Goa and Damäo.

[*Latin ed. p. 733*]

Diarium Romanae Curiae, July 17, 24; August 7, 8, 14, 18, 22, 1959.
To Mr. Coutinho, Luigi Maria Giuseppe d'Orey Pereira (Portugal).
To Mr. Liverzani, Tommaso, of the diocese of Faenza.
To Mr. Alessandrini, Federico (Rome).
To Mr. Rennotte, Pietro, of the Archdiocese of Malines.
To Mr. Bajardi, Giuseppe, of the Archdiocese of Turin.
To Mr. Nogara, Paolo, of the diocese of Brzesc.
To Mr. Duarte Gonçalves, Carlo Federico da Rocba (Brazil).
To Mr. Scacchi, Casimiro, of the diocese of Como.
To Mr. Beaudet, Raimondo, of the same diocese.

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To Mr. Pasquin, Leopoldo, of the same diocese.
To Mr. Fouquette, Corrado, of the same diocese.
To Mr. Normandeau, Paolo, of the same diocese.
To Mr. Fradet, Antonio, of the same diocese.
To Mr. Clauser, Fiorenzo, of the diocese of Bergamo.
To Mr. Simoncini, Gaetano, of the same diocese.
To Mr. Perry, Giovanni, of the diocese of Shillong.
Cavalierato dell'Ordine di San Gregorio Magno, civil class:
July 17, 24; August 15, 22, 29; September 5, 12, 26; October 10, 17, 24, 1959.
To Mr. Savi, Giuseppe, of the diocese of Brzesc.
April: To Mr. Lory, Maria Giuseppe, of the diocese of Bruges.
To Mr. Gillot, Enrico, of the Archdiocese of Parigi.
To Mr. Servetti, Pietro, of the diocese of Albenga.
To Mr. Joos de Ter Beerst, Alberto Giorgio E., of the diocese of Bruges.
To Mr. Goldbach, Leone, of the Archdiocese of Baltimora.
May: To Mr. Pangborn, Tommaso, of the same Archdiocese.
To Mr. Arthaud, Luigi, of the Archdiocese of Lione.
To Mr. Abadie, Luigi, of the diocese of Tarbes and Lourdes.
To Mr. Reynaud, Giorgio, of the Archdiocese of Lione.
To Mr. Gherardi, Giuseppe, of the diocese of Ajaccio.
To Mr. Luigi Domenico, of the same diocese.
To Mr. Damour, Roberto, of the Archdiocese of Parigi.
June: To Mr. Chenu, Pietro, of the diocese of Autun.
To Mr. Canti, Luigi, of the Archdiocese of Milano.
To Mr. Galli, Fausto, of the same Archdiocese.
To Mr. Carugati, Umberto, of the same Archdiocese.
To Mr. Despretz, Renato, of the Archdiocese of Parigi.
To Mr. Cesaroni, Igino (Rome).
To Mr. De Gheldere, Carlo, of the diocese of Tournai.
To Mr. Pigionatti, Carlo, of the Archdiocese of Milano.
July: To Mr. Archambault, Filippo (France).
To Mr. Vanetti, Alessandro (France).
To Mr. Allagoa, Ambrogio, of the diocese of Owerri.
To Mr. Grissmer, Earl, of the diocese of Tucson.
To Mr. Rowland, Chester A., of the same diocese.
To Mr. Giambastiani, Eufrasio, of the diocese of Arezzo.

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To Mr. Lobo, William J., of the Archdiocese of Karachi.

[*Latin ed. p. 734*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 734, July 24, 1959, pages 31 to 44.

To Mr. Barry Yates, of the Apostolic Vicariate of Whitehorse.

To Mr. de Reus Maurizio, of the Archdiocese of Malines.

i) To Mr. Giuseppe Posson, of the same Archdiocese.

To Mr. Paolo Rousseau, of the Diocese of Mcolet.

To Mr. Gerard Rivard, of the same Diocese.

To Mr. Enrico Paolo Ricard, of the same Diocese.

To Mr. Marcello Prenette, of the same Diocese.

To Mr. Gastone Ringuet, of the same Diocese.

To Mr. Amato Chassé, of the same Diocese.

The Order of Saint Sylvester, Papal Knighthood:

February 6, 1959.

To Mr. Gaetano Lanfranchi, of the Diocese of Brzesc.

To Mr. Giuseppe Vittore de Albuquerque, of the Diocese of Caruarú.

To Mr. Guglielmo Felici (Rome).

April 10.

To Mr. Paolo de Maet, of the Archdiocese of Malines.

April 17.

To Mr. Giuseppe Tommasi, of the Patriarchate of Venice.

May 27.

To Mr. Franco Cozzetto, of the Diocese of Cassano alPJonio.

To Mr. Edmondo Verdière, of the Diocese of Tournai.

To Mr. Arnolfo Hummer, of the Archdiocese of Vienne.

June.

To Mr. Fernando Musa (Rome).

To Mr. Aldo Viviani (Rome).

To Mr. Gianfrancesco Romano (Rome).

To Mr. Michele Ricci (Rome).

To Mr. Vittorio Trocchi (Rome).

To Mr. Giuseppe Tortorella (Rome).

To Mr. Vincenzo Cavazzi (Rome).

To Mr. Giulio Fiorucci (Rome).

To Mr. Edgardo Sebastiani (Rome).

June 12.

To Mr. Vittorio Grassi, of the Diocese of Acireale.

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To Mr. Francesco Mastrobuono, of the Diocese of Castellammare.
To Mr. Felice Verde, of the Diocese of Fossombrone.
To Mr. Rocco Bosoni, of the Diocese of Lodi.
To Mr. Nicola Mannarelli, of the Diocese of Pavia.
To Mr. Eliseo Mocchi, of the same Diocese.
To Mr. Mario Benigni (Rome).
To Mr. Gaetano Sartori, of the Diocese of Atri.
June 19.
To Mr. Giovanni Sartori, of the same Diocese.
To Mr. Walter Maccotta (Rome).
To Mr. Edoardo Assi, of the Diocese of Vigevano.
June 26.
To Mr. Guglielmo Enrico Gallen, of the Diocese of Helsinki.
To Mr. Robert Wis, of the same Diocese.
July 3.
To Mr. Giacomo Cantelaube (France).
To Mr. Carlo Di Chiara, of the Archdiocese of Milan.
To Mr. Pietro Piccolo-Bruneiii, of the same Archdiocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 735*]

Diarium Romanae Curiae, July 10th [year unspecified])))))))))) 31)))))))))) 1959. To Mr. Bruno Ercole (Rome).)) 17)))))) 735)))))))))))))))))) To Mr. Cirrincione Salvatore (Rome). To Mr. Mittiga Renato (Rome). To Mr. Francesco Intontì, of the Archdiocese of Trani. To Mr. Arfedele Tiraboschi, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Carlo Ruscazio, of the Diocese of Alba. To Mr. Francesco Paolo Giancristofaro, of the Archdiocese of Lanciano. To Mr. Angelo Mari, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Filippo Torrieri, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Giovanni Carlo Freitas Cruz (Portugal). To Mr. Giuseppe Ferro (Rome). To Mr. Pietro Caeymaex, of the Archdiocese of Malines. To Mr. Fiorenzo Cassimont, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Bruno Fierens, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Enrico Hendrikx, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Emiliano Horckmans, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Adelino Van Ypersele de Strihou, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Pio Scarpa, of the Archdiocese of Trento. To Mr. Renato Jaselli, of the Diocese of Caserta. The Knighthood of the Order of Saint Sylvester the Pope: November 13, 1958. To Mr. Edoardo Lang-Waldthurm, of the Archdiocese of Vienna. February 4th [year unspecified] 13)))))) 27)))) 1959. To Mr. Carlo Giessrigl, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Giuseppe Pfundner, of the same Archdiocese.)))))))))))))))))))))) March 6th [year unspecified] 13 20)))) To Mr. Luigi Moyano, of the Diocese of Liegi. To Mr. B. J. Cunningham, of the Diocese of Grand Island. To Mr. Franco Cleary, of the same Diocese. To Mr. Stefano Deaver, of the same Diocese.

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To Mr. Howard Gore, of the same Diocese. To Mr. Leonardo Melkus, of the same Diocese. To Mr. Walter O'Connor, of the same Diocese. To Mr. Vittorio Declercq, of the Archdiocese of Rouen. To Mr. Giorgio Deren, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Federico Castellanos Batista, of the Diocese of Camagüey. To Mr. Raimondo Corthals, of the Archdiocese of Malines. To Mr. Carlo Fichefet, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Leone Jacques, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Francesco Rondoni, of the Diocese of San Miniato. To Mr. Tommaso Lhoest, of the Diocese of Liegi. To Mr. Maurizio Warniers, of the same Diocese. To Mr. Federico Sorbaro, of the Archdiocese of Milan. To Mr. Giuseppe Ottolina, of the Archdiocese of Camerino. To Mr. Claudio Fachard, of the Archdiocese of Paris. To Mr. Giovanni Lavandier, of the same Archdiocese. To Mr. Candido Fea, of the Archdiocese of Turin.

[*Latin ed. p. 736*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 736, April 3rd.

To the Reverend Mr. Guerri Ovidio, of the Archdiocese of Florence.

To the Reverend Mr. Musti Francesco, of the same Archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Torregiani Mario, of the Diocese of Lodi.

To the Reverend Mr. Soboul Fernand, of the Diocese of Monaco (Principality).

To the Reverend Mr. Dillinger Carlo, of the Diocese of Sant'Ippolito.

To the Reverend Mr. Meyer Clemente, of the same Diocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Aumuller Francesco, of the Archdiocese of Vienna.

To the Reverend Mr. Clabian Enrico, of the same Archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Otto Rodolfo, of the same Archdiocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Pallieri Alberto, of the Archdiocese of Turin.

To the Reverend Mr. Geiger Ermanno, of the Diocese of Sion.

To the Reverend Mr. Bersano Giovanni Battista, of the Diocese of Pinerolo.

To the Reverend Mr. Canavosio Cesare, of the same Diocese.

To the Reverend Mr. Muscianisi Caruso Filippo Domenico, of the prelatura "nullius" of S. Lucia del Mela.

To the Reverend Mr. Orsini Mario (Rome).

To the Reverend Mr. Nakamura Osamu (Japan).

To the Reverend Mr. Tsien Clemente A. K. (China).

To the Reverend Mr. Caverni Agostino (Rome).

To the Reverend Mr. Greco Giuseppe (Rome).

To the Reverend Mr. Carrara Vinicio, of the Diocese of Bergamo.

To the Reverend Mr. Botti Pierino, of the suburbicarian Diocese of Frascati.

To the Reverend Mr. Cocci Vito (Rome).

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To the Reverend Mr. Musumeci Luigi (Rome).

To the Reverend Mr. Pugno Luigi, of the Archdiocese of Taranto.

To the Reverend Mr. Ficola Giorgio (Rome).

To the Reverend Mr. Angelelli Alfredo (Rome).

To the Reverend Mr. Cavaliere Ezio (Rome).

NECROLOGY:

August 2nd, 1959.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni Balan, Bishop of Lugoj of the Romanians.

September 30th.

Most Reverend Monsignor Raffaele Ignazio Arias Bianco, Archbishop of Caracas.

October 1st.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe Umberto Paparoni, Bishop of Barcelona in Venezuela.

October 7th.

Most Reverend Monsignor Antonio Aksamovic, titular Bishop of Augustopoli of Phrygia.

October 9th.

Most Reverend Monsignor Tommaso Danehy, titular Bishop of Bita.

October 17th.

Most Reverend Monsignor Franas Ramanauskas, titular Bishop of Carpasia.

October 26th.

Most Reverend Monsignor Gennaro Hayasaka, titular Bishop of Philomelium.

[*Latin ed. p. 737*]

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ACTA APOSTOLICAE SEDIS

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LETTERS

DECREE: TO THE BLESSED CHARLES OF SETIA, OF THE ORDER OF THE MINOR FRATIARS, CONFESSOR, HONORS OF THE SAINTS ARE CONFERRED.

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JOHN, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD,

FOR EVERMORE, TO PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE:

The life of so many excellent and most holy men, by which the Church is adorned as with a royal ornament, clearly demonstrates that the plans of the Highest God in men, for leading them to heavenly salvation and glory, are entirely mysterious, most wise, and provident. Moreover, their history shows that God often acts with them in ways far different from what human opinions and judgments would seem to require. A clear indication and testimony of this are the vicissitudes and events in the life of the most blessed man, Charles of Setia. He, though lacking human wisdom and fortune, upon which men usually rely for great deeds, nevertheless, with God's help, lived a life that, though outwardly poor and humble, was truly wondrous; and although he was not learned, he left behind writings filled with divine prudence; furthermore, although he had never frequented the courts of princes, nor ever engaged in public affairs, he possessed such authority that he aided the Christian Commonwealth with his counsel and judgment; finally, God greatly exalted and illuminated the man who was unknown and considered worthless, working through him, both during his life and after his death, with almost countless miracles.

47 - ACTA, vol. I, n. 14. - 25-11-1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 738*]

738 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale. Omnia haec una brevis narratio vitae beatissimi viri plenissime confirmabunt. Carolus natus est in Setiae, in urbe agri Pomptini, anno Domini quator decimo kalendas Novembris, anno millesimo sescentesimo tertio, patre Rogèrio Melchiori, matre Antonia Maccioni, piissimis sane agricolis, et modice locupletibus; qui nonnullis agellis, quos habebant, sustentabantur. Natum infantem statim parentes Sacramento Baptismi ablui curaverunt, in templo nempe Beatae Mariae Virginis, inditis nominibus Ioanne atque Carolo. Quorum constat christianae fidei usu, a qua nobilitatem suam omnem ducerent, nituisse, casto ac perpetuo Dei timore, ingenuitate, proximorum hominum amore floruisse. De qua pietate idem Carolus multa scribit in eo libro cui index: "Le grandezze della misericordia di Dio in un'anima aiutata dalla grazia"; in quo suam ipsius vitam narrans, Deum laudat et ei gratias quam maximas agit, tamquam de summo beneficio, quod sibi tales dederit parentes. Quorum sollicitudine factum est ut quae bonitatis semina eius ingessisset animo Deus, mature exirent. Ii propterea, quos singularis filioli virtus non latebat, quasi futura praesagientes, eum in honorem beati Antonii Patavini sagulo franciscali induerunt. Item eius avia in tantam est pueruli admirationem versa, ut, magnis precibus a parentibus abductum, apud se laeto animo haberet. Quod profecto multum ad

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virtutum incrementa contulit, utpote cum nobilibus feminae exemplis, non modo ad colendam caritatem et aliorum dilectionem excitaretur, sed etiam ad benefacta verecundo silentio tegenda, ne iis quibus benigne fecisset, pudor iniceretur. Cum autem Carolus septem aetatis annos attigisset, eum parentes scholarum frequentiae tradiderunt, ea sane spe ut, si diligenti studio litterarum elementa addidicisset, virum doctissimum facerent. Sed quoniam puer, Deo sic volente, e litterario ludo nullum vel fere nullum fructum percepit, parentum consilia irrita sunt facta. Quod tamen non incommode accidit: nam cum puer generosae esset indolis, immodiceque historiis fabulisque delectaretur, quibus antiquorum equitum gesta et amores narrarentur, poterant ei sane litterae multae detrimento esse. Quia tamen ad altiora Deus famulum suum destinaverat, idcirco singulari cura pro eo vigilabat. En igitur in tam gravem incidit morbum ut de eius vita medici desperarent. A moriente ergo adulescentulo exquisierunt parentes num quid desideraret: quibus ille respondit se Crucem optare. Quam cum pater satis magnam effecisset, aegrotusque complexu tenuisset ac deosculatus esset, statim hic melius esse coepit, ac brevi sanus factus est. Ex morbo postquam plane convaluit, litterarios ludos iterum frequentavit; sed non meliore sane quam ante fortuna:

[*Latin ed. p. 739*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, 739, relate that, because the schoolmaster had chastised him more severely than was fitting, his parents deemed it better to direct him towards agricultural labor rather than to allow him to continue attending school. This way of life greatly aided Charles' soul, since he was a pious young man inclined to contemplation. Indeed, the beautiful sights of nature made it easier for the boy's mind to ascend to God; nor did it harm him that all he had learned in school was forgotten, for the most holy God had determined to open the path to the understanding of divine things for the young man through a different means. At the age of fifteen, having become more acquainted with the Franciscan Brothers, whom the people commonly call "Minors," and having begun to frequent their house, he considered joining their way of life. But this could not be done yet, because of his not yet having reached the age of majority. Therefore, he resolved and determined to live henceforth in such a way that, even though he remained at home, he would nevertheless present the appearance of a religious man. Thus, he offered fervent prayers to the highest God; and he imposed voluntary penances upon himself once a week; and he restrained grave temptations with the help of God; and he dedicated himself to the Most Blessed Virgin for the sake of purity. At the same time, this most blessed man began to be enriched with heavenly and singular gifts, of which he himself makes mention in the book that he wrote about his life, and of which he describes the nature, which is entirely beyond the measure of human things. It is also worth noting that

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some marvels were wrought by the power of God, which certainly testified to the singular grace that he had with God. However, five years earlier, Charles no longer had the same intention of entering the order of religious men. Therefore, God, who wonderfully directs those whom He has chosen, did not stimulate him in a single way, but in many ways. It happened that, after overcoming several difficulties, in the spring of the year one thousand six hundred and thirty-five, he was granted permission to enter the monastery of Saint Francis at Ripa in Rome, and at the same time to be enrolled among the Franciscan Brothers. From there, he was sent to a farm, commonly called Nazzano Romano, where, in that house of secret and peace, he began his novitiate; and on the fifteenth day before June of the same year, he put on the habit of the Franciscan Order. This greatly encouraged him to diligently cultivate the virtues; all the more so because Diego of Poggio Catino presided over that sacred house, a man endowed with excellent prudence and just severity of discipline. First of all, Charles diligently studied humility and obedience. Furthermore, the time of his religious novitiate was full of labors and anxieties, whether because of the torments of scruples that afflicted him, or because of the snares of the devil, or finally, because of the false opinions of certain superiors concerning his virtue.

[*Latin ed. p. 740*]

740 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale, expressed the opinion that he was not suited for that way of life and was not equal to it. However, Charles, imploring the help of God and obeying his teacher with an even temper, removed all that hindered and impeded him; so that on the eleventh day before June, in the year one thousand six hundred and thirty-six, he pronounced his religious vows, and, having been offered the likeness of the Virgin Mary in a vision, he deserved to enjoy heavenly joys. From that day forward, he began to strive for the highest heights of sanctity, aided, of course, by God, who filled him with mystical gifts. Shortly after pronouncing his vows, this most innocent young man was assigned to the religious community of Morlupi, which was located in the town of Latialis, in the province of [industria], to first work in the garden, and then to serve as a cook. He ennobled these arts, which are indeed humble, so that all his labor would yield to the glory and honor of God. For since "man's life upon earth is service" (Job 7:1), therefore Satan did not cease to invade the servant of Christ: at times greatly increasing the obscene disturbances of his mind, which he, with a firm struggle, suppressed by whipping himself; at times bringing him almost to despair; at times severely afflicting his body: as if a nail of fire were driven through both ears, while his ears were meanwhile deafened. To this was added another cause for sorrow: the severity of the superior, who was certainly harsher with him than with others, because he was, by nature, somewhat more acute. But God, who

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is always present to his servants, granted Charles several miracles at that time, by which, while multiplying food for the needy brethren, he aroused great admiration in those present. But after not much time, the blessed Charles was transferred to the house of St. Mary of the Franciscans, which was located in the town of Ponticelli. Although this was a difficult thing, since that house was lacking in all necessities and was very uncomfortable to live in, he, without reluctance, requested to be sent to that house. There, when he was again entrusted with the task of tending the garden, at the command of a senior brother, he certainly had to endure much, in order to satisfy the brother's excessive demands. In this situation, Charles was most distressed by the fact that he could not, as he desired, devote more time to prayer. The following year, he was again ordered to change his residence, and he went to Praeneste, to the house which had been given the name of St. Francis; where he did not lack opportunities to cultivate virtue. For, besides the pious death of his mother, of whose passing he received news on his journey, there are worthy of mention the constant struggles with the demon, which were so immense and outrageous that the matter was brought to the point of extreme danger, and the most blessed man, believing that he would soon die, duly confessed and made amends for all things to a priest. However, to the struggling soldier, God

[*Latin ed. p. 741*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 741, record that the most benign grace favored him, but also that he was endowed with exceedingly great gifts, and illuminated by heavenly lights, so that this holy man was almost constantly drawn away from all things by his mind, either through the fullness of his faculties of understanding and thought, or even through a withdrawal of his mind and soul from his body. Consequently, Charles experienced the sweetest joys amidst labors and tedious annoyances, and was joined in wondrous charity with his Creator. Indeed, although he clearly perceived that he was being endowed with such excellent gifts, he did not take great pride in them, but performed the duties commanded of him, infusing them with such fragrant prayers that they truly became precious and acceptable to God. Among the Christian virtues, he especially cultivated poverty; so much so that when one day he received a smaller stipend than usual, he gave thanks to God for it, and praised Him openly, for keeping himself and his companions in the poverty which they had vowed. But since God willed that Charles should attain sanctity only through a difficult and arduous path, He permitted, according to His inscrutable counsel, that many things should befall him, even in the house to which he was assigned shortly thereafter, which was located in the city of Asperen, near Rome. There, the superior of the house, considering the discipline of the community to be bad, treated him harshly and severely. This was also borne heavily by his companions; indeed, they feared that he would finally be driven

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to abandon the Order of Saint Francis, his spirit broken. Therefore, they advised him to take advantage of the freedom that the laws of the Sodalitas afforded him, and to bring the matter before the highest superior of the entire Order. However, Charles did not agree with this plan, preferring to endure all things rather than speak about the matter with others. When the superior of the house became aware of this, he began to feel differently about the holy man. During this time, Charles, inflamed with zeal for seeking the glory of God, requested his superiors to send him to foreign lands in order to spread the name of Christ. When permission was granted for this request, he was destined for the shores of India, which were under the jurisdiction of Portugal. However, God showed many signs that He did not approve of this, but that it was better for him to endure hardships and difficulties in silence, for the sake of his heavenly Creator. Therefore, Satan sought to harass him; he attacked him fiercely with doubts; he tormented him with inner struggles, allowing him no rest; but Charles, like a most valiant soldier, supported by the grace of God, resisted, repelled, and overcame the enemy, using the prayers of the Saints, and subjecting his body to the most severe scourges, sometimes with thorny whips, and sometimes with iron chains. Meanwhile, while he was in Asperen, at the request of a companion, and at the urging of his master of piety, he composed a prayer.

[*Latin ed. p. 742*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 742 concerns the most grievous sufferings of Jesus Christ and other writings, which were later consigned to the flames. It happened in the year 1646 that he was sent by his superiors to the Roman house, which was called "summa" by Saint Peter in Montorio, during the coldest winter. In that house, besides having to endure the most unpleasant habit of a certain confrere, he suffered for five years in the depths of his soul, tormented by doubts arising from the immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, from which he was finally freed by a heavenly illumination of the mind; indeed, he wrote definitively and excellently about this matter. It is certainly difficult to speak of what he endured innocently and bravely in Rome; among these things, it should not be overlooked that he forbade his brothers to avenge their paternal Canon, who had been murdered in Setia, and, following the exhortations and love of Christ, he urged them to grant forgiveness. He was truly a man to whom God gave a remarkable testimony of His love, by allowing a divine ray to pass through him, which affected him so deeply that, with a pierced heart, he prostrated himself before the people. This wound was visible for three years; then, through the prayers of Charles, it became a scar; finally, after his death, it reappeared again in his body. Nor were the things that happened in his soul less significant. He, ascending to all degrees of holiness, was so drawn to God that, bound by the sweetest and most delightful love, he not only attained the fullness of God, which they

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call "perfection," but also to a deeper adoration of Him, and to a perpetual and most complete union of mind with Him. This was the reason why Anthony of Aquila, a Franciscan confrere who was his confessor, urged him, though reluctant, to write something about the science of sacred prayer and contemplation. Then he wrote a treatise, whose index is "Trattato delle tre vie della meditazione e stati della santa contemplazione," which those who read it are filled with great admiration because of the subtlety with which he discusses theological and mystical matters. Also, at the urging of that same man, he published sacred poems, which he had composed, moved by a certain divine inspiration. Since Charles understood perfectly that no one could reach the summit of virtue unless, adhering to their own wills, they obeyed the decrees of their superiors, therefore he devoted all his efforts to cultivating the virtue of obedience. Therefore, when, by the authority of his superiors, he returned to Rome in the year 1650 to the house of Saint Francis of Ripa, to perform the office of a "aeditus," although he abhorred that task, he willingly, as was always his custom, obeyed the command.

[*Latin ed. p. 743*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, number 743, were completed. Nevertheless, neither the attacks of the devil nor the disturbances of the mind spared him. For, for about two years, from the year 1666 to the year 1668, either the darkness of mental distress clouded his mind, or the accusations of his desires agitated him. All of these things, with God's help, he completely overcame. Meanwhile, this good servant of Christ, while performing the duties entrusted to him, also devoted himself to writing. Therefore, he also committed to writing a theological treatise, entitled "Dei sacri settenari," and the history of his own life, and other things, in which there is a book entitled "Discorsi sopra la vita di Gesù Cristo," which is held in high esteem by learned and prudent men. Furthermore, the singular virtue of this man, although he tried to dispel popular rumors as much as possible, acquired such a reputation that not only the superiors of his Order, but also the Cardinals themselves and even the Supreme Pontiffs themselves, on several occasions, used him as an advisor in very important matters; and this is primarily testified by the fact that he was also commanded by Pope Clement IX to investigate the sanctity of certain individuals, about whom much had been said, and to judge accordingly. Indeed, the Creator and Lord of all things, Charles, confirmed his name and virtue, either through miracles performed at his request, or through the raising of the dead to life, or through the gift of knowing hidden and future things. Therefore, it is not surprising that he foresaw the day of his own death and, as with others, he foretold to Clement IX, the Supreme Pontiff, who was suffering from a serious illness. Therefore, on the eve of the Kalends of January, in the year 1669, while returning from the church of St. Peter in Montorio, where he had gone to venerate the Infant Jesus lying in the manger, he was

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afflicted by a disease of the lungs, which, after the labors he had endured and the voluntary afflictions he had undergone, brought him to the very brink of death. And so, on the last day of January, in the year 1670, in Rome, in the house which is known as that of St. Francis of Assisi, Charles, after having been refreshed with heavenly food and anointed with balm, and after being transported to God with frequent ecstasies of mind and soul, completed the course of his most holy life. His sacred body was so venerated by the Roman people that, after a thorough examination by the doctors, so that it would not be damaged by excessive religious fervor, it was buried more quickly than usual in the church of St. Francis of Assisi, without a coffin. But, after many great requests, it was taken from the tomb, and was presented to the reverent citizens in the same church, until it was placed in a tomb consisting of three chests. This was not done, however, until the pious people had broken into small pieces many relics which had touched the body of the blessed man. As the fame of his sanctity increased, especially because of...

[*Latin ed. p. 744*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See – Official Commentary 744. Discussions began concerning the causes for which, at the request of the same petitioner, graces were said to be conferred by God, regarding the granting of the honors of the Blessed to the aforementioned. Therefore, in the year one thousand six hundred and ninety-four, investigations into his sanctity were instituted by ordinary authority in the City. After these were properly completed, and all other matters were diligently examined according to the norms of common law, an apostolic investigation was held concerning the venerable Servant of God, regarding his theological or cardinal virtues, which were said to have reached a heroic level. Pope Clement XIV, Our Predecessor, after duly considering all matters, solemnly decreed on the eighteenth day of June, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-two. Then, the question of the miracles which, at the request of the aforementioned pious man, were said to have been worked, was discussed in the preparatory and preparatory meetings, and finally in the general meeting before Pope Pius IX, Our Predecessor. After these matters were completed, the same Supreme Pontiff solemnly declared on the eighteenth day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two: That two miracles, worked by God, through the intercession of the venerable Charles of Setia, are established, namely, the prodigious sign that appeared on the left side of the venerable Servant of God after his death; and the instantaneous and perfect healing of Angela Marzolini from a cancerous ulcer of the uterus. Furthermore, one doubt remained to be discussed: whether, with the proven virtues and two miracles, the honors of the Blessed could safely be granted to the venerable Servant of God, Charles of Setia. This doubt was discussed on the first of June, in

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the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, before the same Predecessor, Pope Pius IX, who, after hearing the favorable opinion of all, solemnly decreed on the eleventh day of December of the same year: That it is safe to proceed to the solemn Beatification of the venerable Servant of God, Charles of Setia. The solemn ceremonies of this Beatification were held on the tenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, in the upper hall of the Basilica in Vatican, due to the serious circumstances then prevailing. And when, after the decrees granting the honors of the higher heavens to the aforementioned Blessed, his cult increased, and new miracles were said to be worked at his request, supplications were presented to this Apostolic See to resume the cause for the decoration of the Blessed Charles of Setia with the insignia of sanctity. To these prayers, Our Predecessor, Pope Pius XI, responded on the eve of the ninth of August, in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-six. Two miracles were presented to the Congregation of Sacred Rites for canonization, and these are briefly recounted. Idae Passamonti, afflicted with a grave illness which the doctors called an acute purulent periostitis of the left forearm, was...

[*Latin ed. p. 745*]

The acts of Pope John XX, dated January 7, 1745, record that during a religious ceremony, the mother of the Blessed Charles of Setia placed an image of him in the left hand of the individual. Violent pains then afflicted her; but shortly afterward, falling asleep at dusk, she slept peacefully until morning, completely free from pain, and rose from her bed, believing that she had certainly regained her health. This was confirmed by her relatives and by all the physicians, who declared that this was beyond the laws of nature. Another miracle occurred for Aloisia Tufo, a widow from Marchione, who was suffering from sudden and acute pains in the right side of her abdomen. Upon examination by radiology, the doctors discovered a tumor. After a surgical section was performed, the doctors determined that the tumor was a malignant growth, a so-called "ascending colon cancer," affecting the liver with multiple metastases. Then, to the ailing mother, who, according to the judgment of the doctors, was destined to die within two or three months, her daughter sent an image of the Blessed Charles. While everyone was praying, the woman, no longer tormented by pain as she had been before, was completely healed, and two months later, when the doctor examined her again, he found her completely free from the tumor. Both of these events were subjected to a thorough examination by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. For this purpose, several meetings were held: a preliminary meeting, held on May 17, 1955; a preparatory meeting, held on February 11, 1957, in the Vatican Palace; and finally, a general meeting, held before our predecessor, Pope Pius XII, in the usual hall of the Vatican Palace, on January 7 of the previous year. At this meeting, the venerable Brother

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Benedict, Aloisi Masella, Archbishop of Palestrina, a Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church and Relator of this Cause, proposed a question for discussion: Whether and concerning which miracles the case consisted, and whether they were effective in the sense intended. Those present, including the Cardinals, the Prelates and officials of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, affirmed that the healings proposed were to be considered miraculous. On the same day, Pope Pius XII, having invoked the heavenly light on several occasions, solemnly declared: "It is established that two miracles were wrought by God through the intercession of the Blessed Charles of Setia, a lay professed member of the Order of Friars Minor, namely, the instantaneous and perfect healing of the Lady Ida-Passamonti from acute osteoperiostitis of the left forearm; and the miraculous healing of the Lady Aloisia Tufo from a carcinoma, or malignant tumor, of the ascending colon, with multiple metastases in the liver." After these events, although the Cardinals, Prelates, officials, and consulting fathers of the Holy Roman Church had indicated in writing that it was possible to proceed safely with the canonization of the Blessed Charles of Setia, since the two miracles mentioned above had been approved after the Apostolic See had granted veneration to the Blessed, Pope Pius XII...

[*Latin ed. p. 746*]

746 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - The official commentary of Our Predecessor deemed it advisable to allow some time to await a more favorable outcome. Therefore, on the day before the Kalends of April, in the same year, he issued this decree: That the solemn canonization of Blessed Charles of Sezze could proceed. Considering that a very important matter was at hand, the same Our Predecessor convened a sacred Consistory, so that in it, the Cardinals, Patriarchs, Archbishops, Bishops, and Abbots, "of no rank" present in the City on that day, might express their opinion regarding the canonization of Charles of Sezze, a lay religious of the Order of the Friars Minor, and of Joachima of Vedruna de Mas, a widow, foundress of the Institute of the Carmelites of Charity. Before the appointed day, he ordered that commentaries be sent to the sacred prelates, those who were to be present, concerning the life, virtues, miracles, and causes of both Blesseds, as mentioned above, so that those who would be present in the Consistory might be able to express their opinion on the matter. This Consistory was held on the fifth day before the Ides of June, in the same year, in a certain chapel of the Vatican Palace. At that time, Our beloved son Caietan, Cardinal of the Sacred Roman Church, Cicognani, Prefect of the Congregation of Sacred Rites, earnestly requested that the memory of those Blesseds be honored with the highest honors, and that the desired rite of canonization be carried out. After these things were completed, the Cardinals present and the sacred prelates were asked to indicate their individual opinions regarding the proposed causes. Finally, after receiving the votes of all the

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Cardinals and the sacred prelates, who were present at the Consistory, which is called "semi-public," held in the Vatican buildings on the sixteenth day before the Kalends of July, in the same year, it was clearly demonstrated that the Blesseds were considered worthy by those present to be adorned with the most brilliant diadem of the Saints. In order to solemnly assign them to the calendar of the Saints, Pope Pius XII established the twenty-third day of the following month of November. In the meantime, the Cardinals present, all the sacred prelates, and all the faithful of Christ were asked to join their prayers to his, so that the blessings already granted might be beneficial to the Catholic cause. And, as was customary, it was ordered that the acts relating to all these matters be drawn up by the Apostolic Protonotaries present. However, the day arrived for adorning the Blesseds with the crown of Saints, and it did not shine upon Pope Pius XII, for on the seventh day before the Ides of October, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, with the whole world weeping, he passed away to eternal realms. Therefore, We, to whom the divine task of governing the entire Church has been entrusted, with Our supreme and apostolic authority, have established another day for the consecration of the Blesseds Charles of Sezze and Joachima of Vedruna de Mas.

[*Latin ed. p. 747*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, number 747, concerning the canonization, on the day before the Ides of April, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-nine. On that day of the greatest solemnity, all orders of the secular and regular clergy, many prelates and officials of the Roman Curia, not a few abbots, many bishops, archbishops, and fathers cardinals, assembled in the Vatican Palace. To all of whom, proceeding with the customary ceremonies and offering prayers to the Celestial Court, and singing the hymn "Ave Maris Stella," we descended at half-past eight in the morning into the Basilica of Saint Peter, which was filled by a great number of the faithful from almost the entire world, and approached Our Throne. Then, obedience being rendered to Us by the assembled cardinals, Our beloved son Caietan, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church Cicognani, with the eloquent words of Our beloved son Camillo Corsanego, Advocate of the Consistorial Hall, earnestly, more earnestly, most earnestly requested that We bestow the highest honors of the Saints upon Blessed Charles of Setia and Blessed Joachim of Vedruna. To this request of the Consistorial Advocate, through Our beloved son Anthony Bacci, from Our letters to the princes, We responded that We were already disposed to grant such a request. And so, with the most devout crowd singing the hymn "Veni Creator Spiritus," We implored the Divine Paraclete that He might illuminate Our mind with an ever greater abundance of heavenly light. Then, seated in the chair of Saint Peter, as the supreme teacher of the entire Christian Church, We solemnly proclaimed: For the honor of the Holy and undivided Trinity,

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for the exaltation of the Catholic Faith, and for the increase of the Christian religion, by the authority of Our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and Our own, after mature deliberation and frequently imploring divine help, and with the counsel of Our venerable brothers, Cardinals, Patriarchs, Archbishops, and Bishops present in the city, We declare and define Blessed Charles of Setia, Confessor, and Blessed Joachim of Vedruna, a widow, to be Saints, and We add them to the catalogue of the Saints; We decree that their memory should be observed each year on the day of their birth, that is, of Charles of Setia on the sixth of January among the Saints, Confessors, and of Joachim of Vedruna on the twenty-eighth of August among the Saints, widows, not martyrs, with pious devotion. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen. With these words spoken, and with Our assent to the prayers of the same Cardinal Cicognani, which were brought to Us through the same Consistorial Advocate, We ordered that these decrees be drawn up and issued under the papal seal; and the Apostolic Protonotaries were present, so that this canonization might be made public.

[*Latin ed. p. 748*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See – Official Commentary 748: We decreed that the instruments should be assembled. Then, after singing the hymn "Te Deum," to give thanks to Almighty God, we spoke of the virtues of the Nine Saints, and we invoked their patronage, so that they might, with all eagerness, obtain from divine clemency those things which are most necessary for us, who are burdened by the weight of the Supreme Pontificate, in order that the plans and undertakings already announced to the Catholic world might, with the help of heavenly grace, lead to a happy outcome; so that all Christians, united among themselves by fraternal love, might be one flock and one Shepherd (Cf. John 10:16), and that all peoples might, finally, progress towards that prosperity which would be a foretaste and harbinger of eternal happiness, with their minds at peace and with things, reasons, and order established through justice and charity. Then, with the sacred pontifical rite, we proceeded to the main altar. Therefore, having carefully considered all that was to be done, and with certain knowledge and by our apostolic authority, as mentioned above, we confirm and announce to the entire Church of Christ, ordering that the same faith be given to these documents, even in copies, or in printed form, as would be given to these documents themselves, if they were presented, provided that they are delivered by the hand of some apostolic official, sealed and bearing the appropriate signatures. It is not permitted for anyone to disregard what is established by these documents. But if anyone should have dared to do so rashly, let him know that he will incur the wrath of Almighty God and of the Saints, the Apostles Peter and Paul. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the eve of the Ides of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred

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and fifty-nine, in the first year of Our Pontificate. I, JOHN, Bishop of the Catholic Church. I, EUGENIUS, Bishop of Ostia and Porto, and Cardinal TISSERANT, Dean of the Sacred College. I, CLEMENS, Bishop of Velletri, Cardinal MICARA.

[*Latin ed. p. 749*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 749.

I, JOSEPH, Bishop of Albano, Cardinal PIZZARDO.

I, BENEDICT, Bishop of Praeneste, Cardinal ALOISI MASELLA, Servant of God, Chamberlain.

I, FREDERICK, Bishop of Tusculum, Cardinal TEDESCHINI, Servant of God, Datary.

I, MARCELLUS, Bishop of Sabina and Mandelensis, Cardinal MIMMI.

I, PETER, holding the title of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem, Presbyter, Cardinal FUMASONI BIONDI.

I, GREGORY PETER, holding the title of Saint Bartholomew in the Island, Presbyter, Cardinal AGAGIANIAN.

I, CAJETAN, holding the title of Saint Cecilia, Presbyter, Cardinal CICOGNANI.

I, VALERIUS, holding the title of Saint Sylvester in the Capital, Presbyter, Cardinal VALERI.

I, PETER, holding the title of Saint Praxedis, Presbyter, Cardinal CIMACI.

I, JAMES ALOISIUS, holding the title of Saint Jerome of Illyria, Presbyter, Cardinal COPELLO, Servant of God, Chancellor.

I, PAUL, holding the title of Saint Mary in Vallicella, Presbyter, Cardinal GIOBBE.

I, JOSEPH, holding the title of Saint Paul in Arenula, Presbyter, Cardinal FIETTA.

I, FERNAND, holding the title of Saint Eustachius, Presbyter, Cardinal CENTO.

I, CHARLES, holding the title of Saint Mary in Porticu, Presbyter, Cardinal CHIARLO.

I, HAMLET JOHN, holding the title of Saint Clement, Presbyter, Cardinal CICOGNANI.

I, CHARLES, holding the title of Saint Agnes outside the walls, Presbyter, Cardinal OONFALONIERI.

I, DOMINIC, holding the title of Saint Apollinaris, Presbyter, Cardinal TARDINI.

I, NICHOLAS, of Saint Nicholas in the Tullian Prison, Protopresbyter, Cardinal CANALI, Major Penitentiary.

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I, ALAPHRID, of Saint Mary in Dominica, Deacon, Cardinal OTTAVIANI.

I, ALBERT, of Saint Pudentiana, Deacon, Cardinal DI JORIO.

I, FRANCIS, of Saint Mary in Cosmedin, Deacon, Cardinal ROBERTI.

I, FRANCIS, of Saint Caesarius in the Palace, Deacon, Cardinal BRACCI.

I, ANDREW, of Saint George in Velabro, Deacon, Cardinal JULLIEN.

James A., Cardinal COPELLO,

Cajetan, Cardinal CICOGNANI,

Servant of God, Chancellor,

Servant of God, Prefect.

Hamlet Tondini, Regent of the Apostolic Chancery.

Bernard De Felicis, Protonotary Apostolic.

Caesar Federici, Protonotary Apostolic.

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[*Latin ed. p. 750*]

750 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary II. TO THE BLESSED JOACHIMA DE VEDRUNA DE M. A. S., WIDOW, MOTHER OF CARMELITE SISTERS, A WOMAN OF CHARITY, THE HONORS OF THE SAINTS ARE DECREED. JOHN, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE PERPETUAL COMMEMORATION, that the maternal charity, which the Holy Church, the common mother of peoples, generates towards those whom Christ has redeemed with His blood, leading them to eternal life and directing them towards the eternal realm, has been a virtue most characteristic of a most outstanding woman, to whom, as the highest pastors of the Church, we have today decreed the solemn honors of the saints. This charity was not only shown towards the children she bore, and those whom she entrusted with the worship of God and who were poor and sick, but also towards all whom she encountered or with whom she lived, with a gentleness, meekness, and kindness, as is customary for women who are mothers by nature and office. Therefore, we have established that this and other virtues be commended and presented to the Christian people as an example to emulate, briefly recounting the events of her life. Joachima de Vedruna was born in Barcelona, in Hispania, on the 6th of May, in the year 1783, to most honorable parents, Lawrence de Vedruna and Theresa de Vidal, both of noble lineage. On the very day that she opened her eyes to the light, she was cleansed with the sacred rite of baptism, and received the names Joachima, Francisca, and Antonia. The first words this little girl uttered were prayers, and her virtue grew daily, especially with the help of her most prudent mother, who, although

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she shared her love equally among all her children, showed a particular affection and charity towards her daughter, as she was endowed with a gentle and candid nature; moreover, she delighted in the Child Jesus, constantly offered prayers for the souls of the departed, and willingly undertook penances to alleviate their suffering. Following the footsteps of the saints, and when she was free from prayer, she cheerfully undertook work, and, lest she live idly, she engaged in private and domestic tasks. Regarding this, when certain priests once admired the girl's diligence, she responded with a simple and unpretentious manner: "Indeed," she said, "it is fitting for me to help with serious work."

[*Latin ed. p. 751*]

Acts of John XXIII, 751: "I would not wish to make these ministers of Christ appear deceitful; and for this, I myself would be to blame. It was only lacking that her piety and religion should flow forth as purely as from a spring, truly and sincerely from the heart. Therefore, since she conducted all things with the intention that they should be for the glory of God, they certainly exuded the fragrance of virtue. In this, she used nothing other than the Holy Spirit, the sweetest light of souls, nor any counsel other than that of her mother, who, while speaking to her daughter about the works of women, about God, about virtue, and about the duties of girls, listened with the utmost attention. Nor did the pious girl meditate less on the deeds accomplished by the most holy men, and especially on the outstanding actions of the martyrs of Christ. When she was nine years old, she first received the Eucharist. After this, she gave ever greater testimonies of gravity and piety; so that she greatly desired to approach the Eucharistic table, and she considered obedience, sweetness, and other virtues as signs of perfect and absolute sanctity. Sometimes, the maiden's modesty seemed excessive to her mother herself, who, although she admired the simplicity of her daughter, yet, considering the future, desired that she, like other girls of noble birth, should celebrate in public. But when she understood that Joachima was destined for higher things, at the age of twelve, she began to yearn to join the Carmelite Order of Virgins, which was in Barcelona; but she could not achieve this, due to her young age. Then, her father, Theodore de Mas, destined her to a noble man, who himself, either because of poor health or because of the will of another, was prevented from joining the religious order that he desired. At that time, when Joachima was sixteen years old, and Theodore was twenty-six, true love, gravity, and dignity overcame the difference in age; these were the virtues with which the spouses contended. If their common life was filled with the joys that God, the benevolent Father, pours out upon married couples, so that they may perform their most important duties with a more willing heart, it was also a source of piety and the origin of great virtues, especially for Joachima. Therefore, all her care was devoted to making her husband happy, and to

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educating and helping the servants, whom she loved as sisters, and with whom she shared their labors with a modest and serene countenance. She so abhorred the vices of others that she was an example of absolute charity and benevolence to all. The humanity of this most holy woman, although she regarded everyone, was especially directed towards the poor, the sick, and the abandoned; whom, as if envying their unfortunate circumstances, she helped two or three times..."

[*Latin ed. p. 752*]

752 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - She was accustomed to visiting the hospitals every week and showing the utmost charity. However, after almost sixteen months of marriage, Joachim first brought the blessed fruit of their union into the light: a beautiful girl, to whom the names Anne, Monica, and Thérèse were given. This daughter was soon followed by seven more children, whom the devoted mother, placing them in the benefits of God, received with great joy. To mold her children in piety from their earliest years, she not only taught them to venerate God through prayer and to show due reverence to priests, but she also instructed them to preserve the integrity of their minds and bodies, to avoid even the slightest vices, to fear God who sees and judges all things; and in various ways, the pious mother instilled in them the highest reverence for the Angel, whom they should consider their guardian. Finally, the abundance of blessings they received inspired them to give thanks to God and to help the poor with greater generosity. During this time, the wise servant of God was not without her sorrows and griefs, for God, as is His custom, tests those He loves more, and He demands greater things from those to whom He gives greater gifts. Therefore, on the 7th of May, in the year 1833, her husband was struck down by a fatal illness and went to the eternal realms. Then, the Napoleonic wars brought anxieties and ruin upon her, and the most pious woman, widowed, whose husband had gone to war, had to seek safety for herself and her children through flight. During this flight, fraught with dangers, she experienced the presence of God, for as she reached the shore, which they call Plan de la Calma, a certain woman appeared to her in a remarkable way: "Why, madam," she said, "do you linger here in such adverse circumstances? Do you not realize that the enemy will arrive here tonight? Quickly, flee, leave!" After she had safely placed her mother and the children, she departed from their sight. Not long after, Franciscus a Paula, her third son, a boy of six years, died. Also, in the year 1815, her daughter Carola, aged seventy-seven, followed her husband into the realm of eternal life; and the following year, her beloved husband, Theodorus, was struck down by the cruel scythe of death and breathed his last. While this was happening, Joachim was separated from the others due to a serious illness, and she was not allowed to be present with her dying husband, nor to see his body carried out. Then, Christ, who was hanging on the wall

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of the room, crucified, said to her with a detached arm: "Joachim, death has taken your husband from among the living. Come, you shall be mine." Two months after Theodorus's death, the best of Joachim's mothers closed her eyes in peaceful death. These events, or perhaps the warning of Christ Himself, led to...

[*Latin ed. p. 753*]

Acta Ioannis Pp. XXIII 753: Joachima, rekindled with that hope which she had never abandoned in her heart, namely, to dedicate herself entirely to God. Therefore, she went to Vich, where she possessed properties, in order to enjoy peace and tranquility in a large house, commonly called El Escorial, far from the bustle of the famous city. To more easily achieve this, she cast off her most precious garments and all the things which she held dear, as if abandoning the testimonies of a fragile and fleeting happiness. After a suitable time, following the death of her husband, she joined the Third Order of St. Francis, to the derision and reproach of many, especially her relatives. But meanwhile, neglecting these things, the prudent servant of God devoted herself to works of piety in the innermost chambers, and she lived simply and modestly. For in that vast house, the humblest room was assigned to her, furnished with only two tables, upon which was placed a mattress for sleeping; for a pillow, a stone or a straw; and besides these, she would scourge herself to the point of bleeding, afflict her body with rough and biting scourges, and on each weekday and on all the days preceding the feast days, she would eat only bread and drink water. Furthermore, twice a week, as had always been her custom, she visited the public hospital to care for the sick and to attend to their needs; indeed, she also took care of young girls who were in danger of losing their virtue, and whose plight had touched her heart. Thus, Joachima, with the fervor of pious virtues and with the voluntary affliction of her own body, combined the greatest charity towards others, always generously giving of her resources. Thus adorned with virtues, God, with a salutary plan, arranged for her to meet, almost by chance, in the year 1820, with Stephen Fabregas, a most innocent priest and a man of outstanding prudence. And it was to him that she opened her heart and revealed her thoughts, with great humility, meekness, and obedience. He warned her that it was not pleasing to God that she should be included in a religious sodality that had already been established; but that she should found a new one, which would care for the sick and would be dedicated to the education of young girls. Nor were there lacking at that time trials and causes for sorrow and anxiety. For in the year 1820, the inhabitants of Spain, eager to overturn everything, having introduced many changes into religion and into sacred institutions, exiled and fined many religious members, among whom were Stephen Fabregas, whom we have mentioned, and Joachima with her sons. At that time, the Bishop himself of Vich was killed. But when she returned from exile, she

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dedicated herself entirely to caring for the sick and educating young girls; at the same time, she provided for her children in Marne.

[*Latin ed. p. 754*]

754 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - The Official Commentary, with great care, sought out those who, according to their condition, were in need, and either found employment for young men, or joined young women either in marriage or with families, or placed them in religious communities. In this, the pious woman devoted all her studies, efforts, and industry, so that all might pursue those goods which never fail. Therefore, she not only constantly encouraged them in their presence and absence to virtue, and supported them in their difficulties, but also sought, as far as possible, to help them, or to alleviate the hardships caused by the daily worsening of economic conditions.

But to the newly appointed Bishop of Vicensi, in the month of December of the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, it happened that all of Joachima's hopes were restored. For, having admitted the most pious woman on the ninth day of the following month of October, and having heard her speak most kindly, she not only strengthened his spirit, but also assured her that he would help her, provided that a new religious college, which was to be established, would dedicate itself to the faith of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary of Carmel, and for the sake of her honor, the college would bear the name of the Sisters of Carmel of Charity. This pious woman, gladly approving, immediately set about the task. However, having unsuccessfully attempted to open an elementary school where girls could gather, and also to found a religious house in the city of Igualada, Joachima considered it a wise decision if the first seat and dwelling of the nascent college were located in her palace, which was called Escorial. Therefore, she wrote letters to the Bishop, asking that her and her companions' common life be approved. When this was granted with great benevolence, the most holy woman, rejoicing and as if giving birth, on the eighth day before the Kalends of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, decided that the way of life she had long contemplated would be hers for all time. And so, having made her vows, she first dedicated everything she was or possessed to God; then, with a cheerful spirit, she promised to obey either the Bishop or any superior of the Carmelite Society; and she entrusted herself entirely to the task of helping the poor and diligently educating young girls. Finally, on the fourth day before the Kalends of March of the same year, Joachima and her nine companions, having invoked the saints of the altar, and having pronounced their private vows, and with a spirit reflecting the sufferings of Christ, began their common life in the buildings of Escorial, marking the beginning of the new Society. The custom of life for the religious women was devoted to labor and the worship of God; for they not only assisted the poorest girls, teaching them

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tasks appropriate to their age, and encouraging them to love God, but also attended to the sick, whenever invited, without any other agreement than that which they hoped to receive from God.

[*Latin ed. p. 755*]

The Acts of John I, page XLII, 755, furthermore, contained the utmost restraint and extreme poverty. In a short time, a great tree flourished towards the heavens, with blessed branches, and the new Society spread far and wide. For after the foundation of the house in Tarrega in the month of October of the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, other houses of this kind were established: on the eve of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, in Solsona; the following year, in Manresa; and in that same year, on the eve of November, the Sisters of Charity of Carmel took on the task of caring for the sick who resided in Barcelona, within a regional infirmary. But when this pious woman was completely convinced that the matter could not succeed happily unless the minds and talents of her companions were completely imbued with the morals and teachings of Christ, she strove to make the house of her Society larger and more suitable for accomplishing its purpose. In the first place, this truly good and prudent mother, always giving examples of virtue and exhorting her companions with words, aimed to ensure that they, like the Saints, would burn with love for Christ and their neighbors. This diligent institution of companions proved to be all the more useful because the sacred houses which had been founded in Tarrega and Manresa, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, eager for excessive freedom, withdrew from the Society and began to be of their own jurisdiction. But when, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, the Carmelites of Charity were given the house, which the common people called the infirmary for pilgrims, then things began to progress more favorably: for there, the companions, because they always had the sick and the poor at hand, were able to combine knowledge with practice. Therefore, during this time, Joachim and her companions gave testimonies of charity and piety that touched and moved hearts. However, these sweet joys of the pious Virgins were soon disturbed by turbulent storms. For in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, when all of Spain was ablaze with a fierce fire, for the sake of regaining freedom, this most virtuous woman was handed over to the enemies of religion and was cruelly beaten, with some laughing and jeering, and many suffering misfortune. But when she was restored to freedom, she first went to Barcelona, where she stayed for about two years, and then went to Bergamo, accompanied by five companions, with whom she founded a new house. But when seditious people set fire to the captured city, she had to leave, and, together with her companions, she fled to a neighboring region of France. After they had arrived

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there, almost exhausted by fatigue, pri-

[*Latin ed. p. 756*]

756 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - The foundation was laid in a town called Prades, and then the community progressed to Perpignan, where for almost three years they conducted themselves with such prudence and honesty that, when they departed from there on the 16th of October, in the year 1843, they left behind a great longing in the hearts of all, and left behind shining examples of virtue. Upon returning to Spain, Mother Joachima devoted her thoughts to restoring the religious house in Vic, which had been ravaged by adversity. This was so successful that we can almost say that the houses that were subsequently established in a short period of time, in places commonly called: St. Juan de las Abadesas, Arbuçias, Balaguer, las Bor jas Blancas, Ribas, Olot, and Igualada, and many others, arose from this; so that in a few years, the Sodality of Carmelites could be said to be flourishing and thriving far and wide. From this, it seemed right and proper that Mother Joachima should lay a firmer foundation for the Sodality. Therefore, on the 9th of February, in the year 1844, after having devoted many days to prayer and reflection, the older members of the community solemnly took their religious vows, forever dedicating themselves to Christ, the eternal Son of God, in a mystical marriage. However, the Sodality did not receive its final and public constitution until about four years later, when Lucian Casadevall, the Bishop of Vic, approved the Carmelite habit. And six years later, the same Bishop of Vic, together with two other bishops, ratified the statutes by which the members of the Sodality would be governed. However, these statutes stipulated that the Sodality should have a general superior, to whom all matters would be referred, and from whose will, whether it be that of Mother Joachima or that of those who would succeed her, the ultimate authority over the religious women would depend. The bishops were indeed concerned about the stability of the Sodality, and even more so because everyone believed that the health of the holy Mother was so poor that she would soon die; but in reality, through this, her freedom, her authority, and her power were so restricted that she clearly felt that a good mother was gradually being separated from the Society she had founded, as if she were of unsound mind and incapable of administering it. Then it happened that what she had often desired and requested of God came to pass: that she should die in some hidden corner, and be treated as a despised girl. In addition to these mental distresses, which she endured from men, other things were added, prepared by the most provident God. In the year 184-

[*Latin ed. p. 757*]

In the year 1519, Pope John XXIII, when he visited his daughters, Mary and Theodora, who were enrolled in the colleges of the Cistercian Virgins

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in Valbonne, was afflicted with a paralysis due to the immense labors she had undertaken, and it seemed that her final hour had arrived. But she so completely recovered from this illness, and regained her strength to such an extent, that she was even able to establish new religious houses. In the year 1852, she was again and repeatedly struck by a stroke, losing the use of all her limbs and her tongue, so that she had to be assisted in all her actions and ministrations. And although she was of sound mind, her suffering, her grief, and her deepest sadness were such that only the charity of her companions could somewhat alleviate them. At that time, the cholera epidemic terribly afflicted Spain, in the region of Tarragona, and claimed the lives of several Carmelite sisters, along with many people. Then, Joachima offered herself as a sacrifice to God Almighty, and her offering was accepted. Therefore, having received the sacraments with the utmost devotion, and having been wonderfully comforted and strengthened by the grace of Christ, in the year 1854, on the 5th of July, after having spent some time gently with her companions, she peacefully departed this life in a public hospital, poor in possessions, among the poor, weak among the weak. After her death, the frail body of Joachima, which had been defiled by a terrible contagion, regained its former beauty, and remained incorrupt for several days, during which time the people venerated it with great reverence. Then, with a simple ceremony, it was first buried in a public cemetery in Barcelona, and later, in the year 1876, it was transferred to the religious house of the Sodality in Vich. And finally, in the year 1923, on the eve of the Ides of April, it was solemnly placed in the chapel of the Carmelite Virgins in that city. Now, if we consider the life of this most holy woman, and ask by what virtues she shone most brightly, we believe that faith, hope, and charity should be considered foremost. Joachima's faith certainly encompassed the entire most holy Trinity, and she celebrated the power of this one and threefold God even as she was dying, understanding that by mentioning the name of each divine person, she would briefly express her thoughts, and that she would be filled with joy, so that she would fade away with the sweetest languor. Furthermore, her faith was directed towards Christ, the Son of God, who, made man, redeemed us with his blood; then towards the Virgin Mary, the most benign Mother of the Christians; and finally, towards the Saints, whose help she always implored, whether in adversity or in prosperity.

[*Latin ed. p. 758*]

758 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - A commentary, therefore, it is not, if such excellent and steadfast faith, both human and divine, have not persevered. Thus, God, through Joachim, multiplied the loaves, revealed what was to come, and wrought miracles. Furthermore, the hope she placed in Him led her to forget her own troubles, and to surrender herself and all that she had to the highest Divinity. Indeed, she considered herself nothing, but God

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everything; she acknowledged herself to be unworthy, sinful, and impious, an obstacle to heavenly grace; but to Christ, who had given His life for all men and for herself, she had complete faith, and dwelt in His presence as enough familiar converse. Besides faith and hope, Joachim cultivated charity, both towards God and towards men, in a remarkable manner. "If anyone loves me," Jesus had said, "he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and will make our abode with him" (John 14:23). This love of God was not only declared by fervent prayers, but especially by her constant and unwavering devotion to the eternal God, to whom it was fitting for her to say: "And he that sent me is with me." (John 8:29). After honoring God, her chief concern was for other men and their salvation: namely, for her children, for the Carmelite sisters, for the poor, for the sick, and for all those universally who were afflicted by adversity, calamities, or hardships. Furthermore, Joachim possessed an outstanding humility of spirit, in which she excelled to such an extent that it seemed that she had yielded to the will of the Most High God, and also to the judgment of her superiors, in all matters concerning her own will. Since this was the case, we have considered it fitting to present this woman, adorned with such virtues, as one worthy of imitation and veneration by all the faithful. When, moreover, her fame had spread more and more each day because of the miracles, the question of conferring the honors of the Blessed in Heaven upon her was raised. Therefore, the proceedings, which are called "informative," concerning the sanctity of the Handmaid of God in the Vicensi court were instituted. After these were completed, and after they were duly approved by the Congregation of Saints, Pope Benedict XV, Our Predecessor, observed the laws that were to be observed, and with his own hand signed the commission to introduce the cause, on the nineteenth day of the Kalends of February, in the year nineteen hundred and twenty. Furthermore, in the preparatory congregations, which are called "preparatory," on the fourth day of the Kalends of April, in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-one; in the triennial congregation, on the seventh day of the Ides of August; and in the general congregation before Pope Pius XI, Our Predecessor, on the fifth day of the Kalends of June, in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-five, it was debated whether it was certain that she was a saint of Venice.

[*Latin ed. p. 759*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, page 759, record the venerable Servant of God, Joachima of Yedruna, a widow of Mas, who, by her virtues, was solemnly declared to have attained heroic sanctity by Pope Pius XI on the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, on the sixteenth day before July, in the same year, in Grado. After these events, an inquiry was undertaken regarding two miracles, which Almighty God, at the supplication of the venerable Joachima of Vedruna, was said to have performed; and after

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diligent investigations and testimonies by the Holy Office, Pope Pius XI, our predecessor, on the fifth day before February, in the year nineteen hundred and forty, decreed: That two miracles, wrought by Almighty God at the supplication of the venerable Joachima of Vedruna, a widow of Mas, are established; namely, the perfect healing of Mary of the Pillar Gutiérrez from perpetual blindness in her right eye and from a very grave ailment, and of Joseph Palazón Riquelme from a lethal pleuropulmonary tuberculosis and from an incurable chronic empyema in the left interlobar region. Finally, on the fifth day before March, in the same year, it was publicly declared by the same predecessor of ours that the solemn beatification of the venerable Joachima of Vedruna could proceed. These sacred ceremonies were celebrated according to the usual rites in the Basilica of Saint Peter, attended by men and women of all orders from all nations, on the fourteenth day before June, in the year nineteen hundred and forty, on the day when the entire Church celebrated the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. Subsequently, with the novendial supplication of the Blessed, new miracles were said to have been wrought by God, and in order to attain canonization, the cause was reopened, and a new process was instituted by the Apostolic See regarding two wondrous healings which were obtained through the intercession of the same Blessed. The first miracle occurred to Joanna Torres Luque, a little girl of almost four years of age, who, suffering gravely from diphtheritic laryngitis, was, according to all, whether relatives or doctors, considered to be at the very end of her life. A particle of the relics of the Blessed Joachima was then given to her by her mother, who, after a few hours of sleep, was completely restored to health, and, to the great astonishment of all present, began to sing and play. No less miraculously, the health of Mary Assumed of Jori Gisbert, a child of barely two years and twenty months, was restored. For she had long suffered from a very serious lesion of the left lung, and after X-rays were taken, the doctor observed a large air vesicle in the same lung. Based on this diagnosis, the doctor, along with the radiologist, gave a completely unfavorable prognosis. Then, the intercession of the Blessed Joachima was invoked with the most fervent prayers, so that, to the astonishment of all her relatives, doctors, and others, the condition of Mary Assumed improved in a short period of time.

[*Latin ed. p. 760*]

760. Acts of the Apostolic See – Official Commentary. Regarding both healings, a discussion took place, either in the sessions of the Sacred Congregation itself, or before Our Predecessor, Pope Pius XI, on the 7th of January of the preceding year. In this general assembly, the venerable Brother Clement, Cardinal Micara of the Holy Roman Church, Bishop of Velletri, and Promoter of this Cause, proposed the question of whether and concerning which miracles it could be affirmed that they occurred in the case

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in question, and to what effect. All those present, both Cardinals and officials and consultor Fathers, affirmed that the healings proposed were to be considered miracles. Finally, Our Predecessor, having invoked heavenly light on several occasions, solemnly declared: It is established that there occurred an instantaneous and perfect healing, through the intercession of the Blessed Joachima of Vedruna, widow of Mas, in the case of the girl, Joana Torres Luque, from a severe diphtheritic laryngitis; and in the case of the girl, Maria Assumpta Jori Gisbert, from a pneumothorax due to an acute inflammatory process of the arteries and lungs. In order for this Cause to reach a happy conclusion, one question had to be examined: whether, with two miracles duly proven, the Blessed Joachima of Vedruna could safely be granted the honors of the heavenly host. This question was proposed in the same general assembly. When the Cardinals, officials, and consultor Fathers present approved, Our Predecessor decided that the response should be postponed, so that in the meantime, great prayers might be offered to God. Therefore, before the 1st of April of the same year, he issued this decree: It is safe to proceed with the solemn canonization of the Blessed Joachima of Vedruna, widow of Mas. Considering that a very serious matter was being dealt with, Our successor convened a sacred Consistory on the 5th of June of the same year, in which he would inquire of the Cardinals, Patriarchs, Archbishops, Bishops, and Abbots "nullius" who would be present in the city on that day, regarding the canonization of Joachima of Vedruna de Mas, a widow, foundress of the Institute of the Discalced Carmelites, and of Charles of Setia, a confessor, a lay brother of the Order of the Friars Minor. Before the appointed day, he ordered that commentaries be sent to the sacred prelates concerning the life, virtues, miracles, and causes of both Blesseds, as we have mentioned, so that those who would be present in the Consistory might, being fully informed of the matter, give their opinion. The Consistory, on the day we mentioned, was held last year in a certain hall of the Vatican Palace; in which Our beloved son, Caietan, Cardinal Cicognani of the Holy Roman Church, Prefect of the Congregation of Sacred Rites, demonstrated that it was fitting that the memory of those Blesseds should be honored with the highest honors, and strongly urged that...

[*Latin ed. p. 761*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, section 761, record his desire that the most desirable rite of canonization be carried out as soon as possible. After these matters were concluded, the Cardinals present and the sacred prelates were asked to express their individual opinions regarding the proposed causes. Finally, after receiving the votes of all the assembled Cardinals and sacred prelates, who were present at the Consistory, which is called semi-public, in the hall of the Vatican Palace on the sixteenth day before July of that same year, it was clearly determined that those blessed

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individuals were deemed worthy by all those present to be adorned with the brilliant diadem of the Saints. For the solemn canonization of those blessed individuals, Pope Pius XII had set the twenty-third day of the following month of November. In the meantime, the assembled Fathers and sacred prelates, and all the faithful of Christ, were asked to join their prayers to his, so that the blessings and benefits already conferred might be of service to the Catholic cause. And so that all these matters might be legally recorded, the Apostolic Protonotaries present were instructed to do so according to custom. However, the day appointed for adorning those blessed individuals with the crown of the Saints, according to the most wise plan of God, did not arrive, for on the seventh day before October of the year 1956, with the entire world weeping, he had departed for eternal life. Therefore, We, to whom the divine duty of governing the entire Church has been entrusted, with Our supreme and apostolic authority, have established a different date for the canonization of Blessed Joachim of Vedruna and Blessed Charles of Estella, namely, the day before the Ides of April in the year of Our Lord 1959. On that great day of solemnity, all orders of the secular and regular clergy, many prelates and officials of the Roman Curia, not a few abbots, many sacred prelates, and the most distinguished College of Cardinals, convened at the Vatican Palace. With all present proceeding with the customary supplications and prayers, and with the hymns of the Celestial Court being sung, We descended into the Basilica of St. Peter, which was filled with a large number of the faithful from almost the entire world, and approached Our throne. Then, obedience being rendered to Us by the Cardinals present, Our beloved son Caietan, Cardinal of the Sacred Roman Church, Cicognani, with the eloquent words of Our beloved son Camillo Corsanego, Advocate of the Consistorial Hall, earnestly, more earnestly, and most earnestly requested that We adorn Blessed Joachim of Vedruna and Blessed Charles of Estella with the highest honors of the Saints. To the Consistorial Advocate, through Our beloved son...

[*Latin ed. p. 762*]

762 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary. To Anthony Bacci, from the Letters to the Princes, we reply that we are now in a position to grant such a request. Therefore, while a large and fervent crowd of the faithful was present, we invoked the divine Paraclete, singing the hymn "Veni Creator Spiritus," that the abundance of heavenly light might increasingly illuminate our mind. Then, seated in the chair of Saint Peter, as the supreme teacher of the entire Church of Christ, we solemnly proclaimed: "For the honor of the Holy and undivided Trinity, for the exaltation of the Catholic Faith, and for the growth of the Christian Religion, by the authority of Our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and Our own, after mature deliberation and frequently implored divine assistance, and

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with the counsel of our venerable brothers, the Cardinals, Patriarchs, Archbishops, and Bishops present in the City, we decree that Blessed Charles of Seeta, Confessor, and Blessed Joachima of Vedruna, of Mas Sanctorum, a widow, be inscribed in the catalogue of Saints; we declare and define that their memory, and on the anniversary of their birth, that of Charles of Seeta on the sixth of January among the Saints, Confessors, and that of Joachima of Vedruna of Mas on the twenty-eighth of August among the Saints, Virgins, widows, and not martyrs, should be devoutly observed. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen." Having pronounced these words, and with the Cardinal Cicognani nodding in agreement, through the same Consistorial Advocate, who was present with us, we ordered that these Decrees be drawn up and dispatched under the papal seal; and we commanded that the Apostolic Protonotaries be present, so that they might publicly record this canonization. Then, after singing the hymn "Te Deum laudamus," to give thanks to the Almighty God, and with those present, we invoked the patronage of those Saints, and we delivered a discourse on the virtues of these new Saints. Regarding Joachima of Vedruna, we said that she was a model for devout virgins, for mothers of families, and for widows, whom all should emulate. From her, the first should learn how to serve God, that is, with a heart always and only devoted, joyful, and loving; others should learn with what diligence, alacrity, and studiousness children should be instructed, formed, and educated; and finally, her children, both men and women, should learn how to conduct themselves even in afflicted circumstances and in sorrowful events. Having carefully considered all that was to be considered, and with certain knowledge and by Our apostolic authority, as mentioned above, we confirm and command that copies of these documents, even those printed, be distributed in places, and that they be signed by the hand of an apostolic scribe.

[*Latin ed. p. 763*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, 703, and fortified with these, the same faith should be granted to them, if they were extended. However, no one shall be permitted to oppose what we have established in these letters. But if anyone should have dared to do so rashly, let him know that he will incur the indignation of Almighty God and of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, the day before the Ides of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-ninth, in the first year of Our pontificate. I, JOHN, Bishop of the Catholic Church.

I, EUGENIUS, Bishop of Ostia and Porto, and of the Basilica of St. Rufina, Cardinal TISSERANT, Dean of the Sacred College.

I, CLEMENS, Bishop of Velletri, Cardinal MICARA.

I, JOSEPH, Bishop of Albano, Cardinal PIZZARDO.

I, BENEDICT, Bishop of Palestrina, Cardinal ALOISI MASELLA, Cham-

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berlain of the Holy Roman Church.

I, FREDERIC, Bishop of Frascati, Cardinal TEDESCHINI, Datary of the Holy Roman Church.

I, MARCELLUS, Bishop of Sabina and of Mandelensis, Cardinal MIMMI.

I, PETER, Presbyter with the title of St. Cross in Jerusalem, Cardinal FUMASONI BIONDI.

I, GREGORY PETER, Presbyter with the title of St. Bartholomew in the Island, Cardinal AGAGIANIAN.

I, CAJETAN, Presbyter with the title of St. Cecilia, Cardinal CICOGNANI.

I, VALERIUS, Presbyter with the title of St. Sylvester in the Vatican, Cardinal VALERI.

I, PETER, Presbyter with the title of St. Praxedis, Cardinal CIMACI.

I, JAMES ALOISIUS, Presbyter with the title of St. Jerome of Illyria, Cardinal COPELLO, Chancellor of the Holy Roman Church.

I, PAUL, Presbyter with the title of St. Mary in Vallicella, Cardinal GIOBBE.

I, JOSEPH, Presbyter with the title of St. Paul in Arenula, Cardinal FIETTA.

[*Latin ed. p. 764*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Commentary 764. Officially: I, FERNANDUS, holding the title of Saint Eustachius, Priest, Cardinal. I, CAROLUS, holding the title of Saint Mary, in Portiuncula, Priest, Cardinal. I, HAMLETUS IOANNES, holding the title of Saint Clement, Priest, Cardinal, C I COGNANI. I, CAROLUS, holding the title of Saint Confalonieri. Agnetis, outside the walls, Priest, Cardinal. I, DOMINICUS, holding the title of Saint Apollinaris, Priest, Cardinal, TARDINI. I, NICOLAUS, of Saint Nicholas in the Tullian Prison, Protopriest, Cardinal, CANALI, Major Penitentiary. I, ALAPHRIDUS, of Saint Mary in Domnica, Deacon, Cardinal, OTTA- VI ANI. I, ALBERTUS, of Saint Pudentiana, Deacon, Cardinal, DI JORIO. I, FRANCISCUS, of Saint Mary in Cosmedin, Deacon, Cardinal, ROBERTI. I, FRANCISCUS, of Saint Caesarius in the Palace, Deacon, Cardinal, BRACCI. I, ANDREAS, of Saint George in Velabro, Deacon, Cardinal, JULLIEN. IACOBUS. A. Card. COPELLO. CAIETANUS. Card. CICOGNANI. S. R. E. Cancellarius. S. R. C. Praefectus. Hamletus Tondini. Apostolic Chancery. Franciscus Regens. H. Ferretti, Protonotary Apostolic. Bernardus De Felicis, Protonotary Apostolic.

In the place of Plumbi. Dispatched on the 26th of May, in the pontificate.

In Cane. Ap. tab., Vol. C, n. 60.

ALLOCUTIONS.

To those who were present from various nations at the second meet-

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ing held by the association commonly called "Apostolat des Aveugles" in Rome.

* Beloved children, The amiable address that the Venerable Brother Tarcisio Vincenzo Benedetti sent to Us in your name in the Italian language was very pleasing to Us. Indeed, it manifested the fervor of your faith and devotion towards the Chair of Peter, and it brought Us the echo of sentiments and...

Habita die 1 Octobris mensis a. 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 765*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 765, dispositions that animate you all in the daily acceptance of your condition. Therefore, we gladly accede to the invitation to express our joy and also our emotion, in welcoming you to our presence. We desire that the sound of our voice may immediately reach not only the hearts, but also the minds of all of you, who represent your brothers from various countries of the world; and therefore, we respond to your President, addressing you in the French language, so that it may be readily understood by your esteemed assembly.

Beloved Sons, it is with a very special emotion that We welcome you today, you whom God has visited with the painful trial of blindness, and who have desired, even within this trial, to unite your efforts to make it serve the salvation of your brothers. If all that unites is worthy of the greatest consideration, how much more respectable is that which unites in the kingdom of suffering! And what can be said of such a union if it is founded – as is the one that gathers you – on a generous design of apostolate!

In the flickering of the more or less deceptive lights of our time, which sometimes disturb even the moments of contemplation, so necessary for man, the blind give a very precious lesson to their brothers. To those among them who are deprived of the most essential lights – that of religion, and even that of the proper use of reason – the blind, especially those who, like you, have the happiness of belonging to the Church, teach them to appreciate the lights of intelligence and virtue at their true value, especially those, all divine and supernatural, of Faith and Charity.

How much clarity there is in a believing and loving soul, in a soul illuminated – as are yours – by "the true light that comes into the world," Christ! Spread this flame around you, beloved sons. The cry of the blind man in the Gospel: "Lord, that I may see!"* rises today from multitudes of spiritual blind men, who perhaps await only the helping hand of one of their brothers to walk in turn in the light of truth and love. Be that merciful brother! May your example attract and lead so many men who... *Matthew 9:27.

[*Latin ed. p. 766*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale 766: Illi se putant

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perspicaces, et quorum mens et cor, proh! longe sunt a Deo, in nocte spirituali multo gravi quam tenebrae materiales! Vobis primum locumur in hoc mense Octobri qui iam incipit, et qui, ut scitis, nobis inspiravit Encyclicam Grata recordatio de devotione ad Sanctum Rosarium. Vobis, carissimi caeci, volumus specialiter commendare illam magnam supplicationem quae in his diebus ad Virginem ascendet, ut acceleretur tempus quo, secundum propheticam proclamationem, "omnis caro salutem Dei videbit" (Lucae 3:6). Per vestras preces, obtinete lucem pro omnibus hominibus: pro gubernatoribus, qui responsales sunt destinorum populorum: ut videant! – ut ipsi videant, et praesertim ipsi, ut videant et praeveniant consequentes possibiles errorum...; pro gubernatis, ut in serena luce Dei inveniant vias concordiae et verae pacis. Haec oratio non erit sine fructu vobis ipsis. Revivendo in spiritu, per hunc mensem, cum omnibus familiis Christianis Universi, mysteria Sancti Rosarii, sentiretis vos perfundere exemplis suaviter attractivis Sanctae Familiae Nazareth, et contemplatio harum divinarum rerum erit animabus vestis refrigerium et quasi praesagium lucis caelestis. In signum affectuum omnium paternalium in quibus vos hic accipimus, vobis, carissimis familiis vestis, populis vestris, et non omittere devotis organisatoribus congressus vestri, corde liberali largimur amplam Benedictionem Apostolicam.

Plusquam quincentis Missionariis, in Vaticana Basilica, Christi cruci fiorì imagino eisque a Beatissimo Patre tradita.

Dilecti filii Missionarii! Traditio crucis est ceremonia simplex et suggestiva. Ea est quasi ultimus, definitivus actus consecrationis ad apostolatum missionarium, et est causa intimae commotionis quae animam nostram implet, et exaltat turba pia fidelium. Libenter celebramus vobiscum et pro vobis sancta Mysteria Eucharistica.

Die 11 Octobris mensis a. 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 767*]

From the Acts of Pope John XXIII, year 767 of the era stici. Firstly, because, gathered around the altar of the Eternal Priest, the redemptive Sacrifice of Calvary might be renewed among us, from which the missionary activity of the Church derives its motive, its meaning, and its efficacy. Furthermore, we desired this moving ceremony so that all might see the esteem, the love, and the preference that we hold for so many generous and ardent children, whom your group, ready to depart, effectively represents here. The Missionaries and Missionaries of the world, far from family and homeland, often lacking material support and even spiritual comfort, due to the solitude in which they find themselves, and the difficulties they must overcome, remain fervent and serene, years after the day they departed, enthusiastic to serve the Church, and the very cause of good and civilization. We are close to and familiar with all Missionaries, and we greet them with heartfelt words, with a paternal eye and heart. Indeed, after seventeen

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years of service in our native diocese, the Missions were our field of work in Rome, during a period of renewal and fervor for the reorganization of missionary works. With profound joy of heart, we remember the years spent at Propaganda Fide, during which, among other experiences, we had the opportunity to meet many Missionaries personally, to appreciate their solid formation, their ardent apostolic spirit, and the sacrifices known only to God. And in other assignments, which our predecessors subsequently entrusted to us, in Nicopolis, in Turkey, in Greece, and in France, we were able to follow closely this silent and impressive work: to admire the centers of formation, and the subsequent apostolic radiations. We thank the Lord for this, which we consider among the most distinguished graces granted by His goodness to our humble life! All these memories are intensified with a touch of intense tenderness, in this solemn circumstance, in which a new group of Missionaries, a sign of the unwavering message of the Gospel, joins countless other ranks, to spread the Religion of Christ throughout the world! Joy and ineffable emotion intertwine in our heart; and we are pleased to offer you, and to all Missionaries, our praise for having responded to your singular vocation, and our encouragement for your good work. "Go therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them... and teach them all things that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20). You carry the banner of peace on the front lines of an action that knows no rest. The Church awaits from you the ripening of new harvests, which will mature from your...

[*Latin ed. p. 768*]

Acts 768 of the Apostolic See - An Official Commentary on the ministerial and sacramental priesthood, drawn from the evangelical teaching, and striving to preserve the sacred deposit of Revelation with ever-renewed freshness. Beloved sons! The peoples await you. With the gentleness of Christ's message, you will bring the secret of true peace and tranquil progress. Through patient and persistent work, Missionaries of all ages have contributed to the elevation of peoples, illuminating them with the light of Christ's Cross! It is true that in some countries, this work has been forgotten, or devalued, and in some cases, has even encountered various forms of hostility, whether open or veiled. But we nourish in our hearts the hope, joyfully expressed by our predecessor, Saint Leo the Great: "Persecutions do not diminish the Church, but increase it; and the field of the Lord is clothed with ever more abundant reapers, when the grains, one after another, fall, they multiply." Therefore, be courageous! The Holy Church has received from its Founder the universal mandate to turn to all peoples, to unite them in one family, and no human power, no difficulty, no obstacle can weaken its missionary zeal, which will only end when Jesus "delivers the kingdom to God and the Father, when he has abolished every principality and every power and every virtue... that God may be

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all in all."

Beloved sons! The image of the Crucifix, which we have entrusted to each of you, as a seal and provision for your mission, will remind you of the path to follow in order to ensure the full fruitfulness of your work. Christ, crucified on the wood, annihilated by the painful torment, extends his hands as if to embrace all men. He will teach you at what price the salvation of the world is obtained. He is the model and the example to be followed: "To him alone comes he who walks," these are again the words of Saint Leo, "by the path of his patience and his humility. In this journey, there is no lack of the laborious toil, nor the cloud of sadness, nor the storm of fear. You will find the snares of the wicked, the persecutions of the unbelievers, the threats of the powerful, the insults of the proud: all things that..."

[*Latin ed. p. 769*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 769: Lord of virtues and King of glory—*Dominus virtutum et Rex gloriae*—has traversed, in the figure of our infirmity... precisely because, amidst the dangers of this present life, we do not desire to avoid them through flight, but rather to overcome them through patience."

4. Do not place trust in other artifices or aids of human inspiration. Beloved children: always associate the twofold title that the Lord Jesus willed to be conferred upon our personal weakness in the mysteries of His mercy, and with that title, the twofold and more weighty task of Father and Pastor of the universal Church, of humble Servant of the servants of God. We will always be with you: the Christian people will be with you, in the labors, the struggles, and the consolations that await you. We pray and will always pray for you, for the souls united to you, for the dear relatives you leave in your homeland, that He may grant to all the omnipotent help of His grace.

5. Behold, we turn to Jesus, Eternal Priest and Victim immolated for the salvation of the world, with a heartfelt prayer. "Look upon these your children, priests, religious, and laity, who leave everything in order to bear witness to your word and your heart. Be for each of them 'a powerful protector, a strong defense, a refuge against the heat, a shelter against the midday sun, help against stumbling, and assistance in falls.'"

6. Sustain them in difficult moments; strengthen their forces, console their hearts, and crown their work with spiritual achievements. They seek not human successes, nor fleeting goods, but only your triumph and the good of souls. Your crucified image, which will accompany them throughout their lives, should speak to them of heroism, self-denial, love, and peace; may it be for them a source of comfort and guidance, of light and strength, so that, through them, your blessed Name may spread ever more throughout the world, and they, surrounded by an ever-increasing

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number of your children, may sing to You the hymn of gratitude, glory, and redemption.

4. *Serm.* 6, 7, *M.L.* 5, 4, 371-2.

5. *Eccli.* 34, 19-20.

49. *ACTA*, vol. I, n. 14. — 25-11-1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 770*]

770 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary III. In the Pontifical College of the Federated States of North America, held in Urde, completing a period of one hundred years since the sacred institution was founded. * Venerable Brothers and beloved sons! This most joyous day, which we have desired with great eagerness, has brought us many and most pleasing blessings, a day dedicated to the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, who has granted it to us today. Indeed, this morning, in the splendor of the Basilica of Saint Peter, we offered the Eucharistic sacrifice to God, accompanied by heralds of the Gospel, to whom we entrusted the image of the Savior crucified. Now, we have come to this Pontifical College of the Federated States of North America to see it and to speak with you, Venerable Brothers and beloved sons! Today you commemorate the one hundredth anniversary since this sacred institution was happily founded. For the solemn purpose of celebrating this memory, you have come here from your homelands, to give due thanks to God for this auspicious occasion, together with the College's administrators and students, and to express the joyful sentiments of your hearts: while all the distinguished citizens of your nation, priests and faithful of Christ, applaud, whom, although separated by so much distance, we feel present with fervent charity. Desirous of sharing in these joys, we hastened to come to you, and we embrace you and your families with paternal congratulations, so that we may show you the great power of love with which the Apostolic See follows your nation, and especially the order of bishops and the Catholic university. We have, above all, entered these halls, which are raised high on solid foundations on the Janiculum hill, in the sight of the airy dome of the Vatican, spacious and most beautifully adorned. And a joyful feeling arises in our hearts when we recall that blessed day, six years ago, when our predecessor, the venerable memory of Pope Pius XII, solemnly inaugurated this building, and sanctified its chapel with a salutary prayer, after having offered a prayer full of singular wisdom and pastoral concern. Indeed, with the utmost care, while we were in the Patriarchate of Venice, we read in the daily newspapers about those things which were then carried out with such magnificent splendor; and now, so graciously ordained by God, on October 11th of the year 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 771*]

Acta Ioannis Pp. XXIII 771 It has been most pleasing to us that we may celebrate with you the first millennium since the founding of your insti-

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tution, in the early years of Our Pontificate. For indeed, throughout these hundred years, there have been many and noteworthy signs of devotion and love shown to this institution by the Roman Pontiffs; and it was not without the providence of God that it was illuminated by the splendor of the Immaculate Virgin Mary. The most beautiful image of the Mother of God, painted in the apse of the chapel, reminds all, and will remind them in the ages to come, that the first plan for the founding of the institution was revealed to Pope Pius IX, then still a Cardinal, a few days before he was elected, and that he approved it. Our Predecessor also arranged for the purchase and construction of a suitable building for your institution in this city; and within a month of its opening to the first students, he visited the sacred seminary and celebrated the Eucharist there. Pope Leo XIII, of blessed memory, through Apostolic Letters, the title of which was "Ubi primum," clearly demonstrated the diligent care and special benevolence he had for the institution; and among other things, he decreed that the name of the Pontiff should be associated with it, so that from that very appellation, it would be clear how dear it was to the Roman Pontiffs, and how proper. With equal zeal, Our Predecessor, Pope Pius XI, desired that a Council of Bishops from your nation be established, to provide counsel regarding the affairs of the institution. Time would fail us if we were to enumerate all the signs of such a benevolent intention, from the auspicious beginning of the institution to the recent construction of this new building, which was carried out so felicitously and prudently, so that the old building was destined for priests who desire to attain a fuller and more complete knowledge of the sacred disciplines. Venerable Brothers and beloved sons! As we recall these things with a joyful heart, we offer with you the greatest thanks to God, who, through the purest Virgin Mary, has provided divine assistance to human endeavors. Indeed, great was the heavenly power that bestowed all kinds of growth upon the founded institution! For that small number of students, who were then only thirteen in number, has increased, nay, has grown into shining ranks of priests, who have joyfully brought forth triumphs for the Holy Church in your illustrious homeland: of whom many have been adorned with the purple of Rome, many with the dignity of bishops, and all, retaining their office, diligently and commendably fulfill their duties.

[*Latin ed. p. 772*]

Acta 772 Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary: The progress of the College corresponds in a remarkable way to the growth of the Catholic faith in your Nation: indeed, one hundred years ago, the organization of the Church in the United States of America was still such that the regions were cultivated by Missionaries; and not all dioceses were yet able to establish and maintain their own seminaries. However, with the passage of time, the influence of the Catholic name has gradually and steadily grown, like

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that grain of mustard seed, which « Which is the least indeed of all seeds; but when it is grown up, it is greater than all herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come, and dwell in the branches thereof »: 1 For your dioceses have flourished in every way, fostering religious institutions, Catholic schools and universities, works of charity of every kind, and social action, to mention only the most important. Nevertheless, we do not wish to pass over in silence that singular devotion to prayer, which has flourished in your country in a remarkable way, especially through the institutions of religious orders, growing everywhere as an example. These indeed demonstrate that many Catholics among you are endowed with exquisite judgment and fervent love of Good, and give Us a strong reason for joy and good hope. Moreover, your charity within the borders of your country does not cease, as through countless undertakings and generous aids, you assist the needs of many in almost the entire world, being « cheerful givers »; for which reason, there is no doubt that « And God is able to make all grace abound in you: that ye always, having all sufficiently in all things, may abound to every good work, » 2. Among all the merits, those that pertain to the education of future priests deserve to be given first place, and two buildings stand as a most excellent monument to this in the City. By erecting this new College, endowed with all the benefits of art and technical knowledge, and by dedicating the old one to priests, you have clearly shown that you wish to devote better and more fervent studies to the proper formation of those who will serve God. And rightly so; for, among all the most noble works and plans, suitable for strengthening and promoting the Kingdom of God, this is the principal work, this is the principal plan. For truly, what is the dignity of priests, what is their virtue and effectiveness! As We have already stated in Our Encyclical Letters, in which the index Sacer-

1 Matth. 13, 32.

2 2 Cor. 9, 7, 8.

[*Latin ed. p. 773*]

"Our learned brethren," We have written, "the image of the priest is always before Our eyes. If the priest were absent, or if his daily works were lacking, what good would all apostolic undertakings, even those which seem most suitable for this present age, accomplish?"

"Therefore, since so much is required of the Church's priests today, nothing should be omitted that might contribute to their greater formation. Furthermore, in founding this institution, you, priests, have shown that you wished to instill a Roman spirit, to form priests who, living in the venerable City, the very head of the Catholic cause, may draw from it a never-ceasing source of virtue and strength. For in this City, as Our Predecessor, St. Leo the Great, said, "that empire was prepared by God, to which the limits have been extended, so that all nations and peoples might be united" (A.

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A. S. L I, 1959, pp. 575-6). In it, the laws, institutions, and most magnificent vestiges of the Romans still remain. In it, above all, the faith of Peter still binds the Holy Church together; in it, the tombs of the martyrs shine, who "shed their glorious blood for the Lord" (Serm. 82; ML 54, 423).

"Therefore, those young men who have studied in this City—and that, too, at an age when the seeds of future virtue are sown with generous hands—there is no doubt that they will have their minds and spirits prepared not only for the perfect cultivation of humanity, in which this City has flourished as an example, but above all, for a full understanding of the Church, by which the priestly dignity is nourished. You have faithfully and admirably demonstrated that you have resisted the pressures of the past century; and this institution, which you have so diligently and painstakingly created, will clearly show for all time the generosity of your efforts. These young men, when they return to their homelands as ministers of God, will be a joyful leaven, who will enliven the entire mass; they will diligently and generously devote themselves to their office, and will promptly bring forth and cultivate new shoots, which will follow in their footsteps. For this reason, it is right to conceive a joyful hope that the Holy Church will continue to progress prosperously in your nation, and that new praises will always be offered. Finally, dear students, We urge you to respond with the utmost diligence and fidelity to the hope that is placed in your virtue. That this may come to pass, it is necessary that you have 'a fervent desire to strive in virtue' (Brev. Rom., Resp. in Comm. plur. Mart.)."

[*Latin ed. p. 774*]

"May love of discipline, the labor of penance, and promptness of obedience, daily safeguard you; so that, with diligent effort, you may be prepared for the future duties, which, without the grace of God, cannot be fruitfully undertaken; may the excellence of virtue illuminate your minds and inflame your hearts, so that, formed here in this noble Rome, near the Chair of the Prince of the Apostles, you may present examples of all holiness and diligence, which are eagerly expected from you. We earnestly beseech the Highest God in prayer, that just as, in the past, this College has been favored with such great kindness, so may it be cherished, protected, and prospered in the future; and we offer our heartfelt vows that this day, on which you rejoice in having reached the desired milestone of a hundred years, may bring strength to you all, so that, progressing thereafter with joy and without weariness, you may provide even greater reasons for rejoicing in the future. To confirm these paternal hopes abundantly, and to signify our most affectionate regard to you again and again, we impart the Apostolic Blessing to you, Venerable Brothers and beloved sons, whom we gladly behold here, and to all the Directors and students of the College, both those who are present now, and those who are already toiling in the fields of labor, and to your entire Nation, most dear to us."

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Then, in English, the Most Blessed Father added these words: "And now, repeating the thoughts expressed in Latin, We wish to tell you in your own language of the pleasure it gives Us to be able to share with you the joy of this happy occasion. On the Feast of St. Francis of Sales in 1860, a few weeks after the opening of the first school year in the North American College, then located in Via dell'Umiltà, the Holy Father Pope Pius IX celebrated Mass for the first group of students who had arrived in Rome. That event was not as solemn as the visit of the late Pope Pius X II six years ago, when He inaugurated the new College here on the Janiculum Hill. Following in the footsteps of Pius IX, whose memory We like to recall, and with the same benevolence cherished by Him and by all His successors up until Pius X II, here We are rejoicing in the solemnity of this day. But Our visit to this beautiful edifice is not merely an evidence of Our participation in the College Centenary: We intend it also to be a..."

[*Latin ed. p. 776*]

Acts 776 of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary of the Legation of Saint Mary of the Soul: You are alumni, or have been alumni, of this institution; among you, we gladly recognize Our beloved Son, Joseph Frings, Archbishop of Cologne; and we greet James Weinbacher, the diligent director of the same college. We are greatly pleased by your presence here, you who have convened in Rome to commemorate a significant event: a hundred years have now passed since Our immortal Predecessor, Pope Pius IX, by Apostolic Letters, granted a new form of law to the Illustrious German Hospice of Saint Mary of the Soul, adding a college for priests using the German language, who sought to further their studies in ecclesiastical disciplines at the See of Peter. To the Supreme and Eternal God, to whom every gift of ours is pleasing, let due thanks be rendered, for through the passing of a century, a rich harvest of beneficial fruits has sprung forth from your college, to the benefit and glory of many dioceses. These fruits are clear and illustrious. In the annals of the same college, the names are recorded of sacred prelates who, through their religion, wisdom, and greatness of spirit, have greatly contributed to the building up of the Kingdom of God; and also of ecclesiastical men who, through their teaching, virtue, and labors, have brought honor and praise to the Catholic name and to civil society. To recall these titles of honor is not only just and fitting, but also salutary, if it also serves to add incentives for emulation, to kindle zeal, and to spur on efforts to achieve even greater things. This is what we desire and hope for with all our heart, that the future age of the college, diligently preserving the institutions and memories passed down by its predecessors, may remain firmly connected to the past, and may, through noble striving and bold endeavors, produce even more glorious achievements. May those priests who find honor in living and residing in your home in Rome, upon returning to their own places, bring back with them greater wisdom, more

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abundant virtue, a richer light of acquired knowledge, always joined with the flame of charity: for it is a vain thing to shine, and a small thing to burn; to shine and to burn is perfection. May whatever is honest and fitting adorn your home; may it be constantly protected by the guardianship of God; may piety be cultivated there as an example; may humanity and serene joy shine forth; may it leave a pleasant memory with its guests at all times; and finally, may it be an image of the eternal home. Amen.

If Bernard, Abbot, *Sermo in Nativitate S. Ioannis Bapt.*, 3.

[*Latin ed. p. 777*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, Volume III, contain a passage in which St. Augustine most eloquently spoke of this [the Pope's] blessedness: He sees, he loves; in the eternity of God, he flourishes; in the truth of God, he shines; in the goodness of God, he rejoices. These words, spoken from the heart, we impart to you who are present here before Us, and to all who, through the prayers, benefits, and graces of the German College of St. Mary of the Soul, deserve and will deserve the Apostolic Blessing, the auspice of heavenly consolation.

RADIO MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF ARGENTINAE, REGARDING THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS HELD IN CÓRDOBA.

Before that grand testimony of faith that the noble people of Argentina are giving, gathered in large numbers and with devotion in that illustrious city of Córdoba, we wish to gather, Venerable Brothers and most beloved all, the fervor and aspirations of your hearts, to present them to God as a tribute of glory.

Exactly five decades have passed since the name of Buenos Aires echoed in the most remote corners of the world, linked to its Eucharistic Congress; since Our Predecessor, of blessed memory, still Cardinal Pacelli, held the Holy Host in his hands and implored divine gifts upon the kneeling multitudes. Today, your Congress in Córdoba is the commemorative and pious echo of the same spirit of yesterday, of identical ideals and prayers.

How much pain and how many tears there have been on earth since those distant days! If humanity had practiced the perennial doctrines of love and unity that come from the Eucharist – *sacramentum caritatis, quasi figurativum et effectivum* – undoubtedly, the miseries and discord would not be so abundantly and so ruinously sown.

When will it be learned that the only path to avoid being lost, the only truth to avoid error, the only life to avoid death, continues [reference to *De Civitate Dei*, Book X, Chapter XXIV].

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* *Summa Theologica*, Part III, Question 78, Article 3, objections 6.

[*Latin ed. p. 778*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Commentary 778. Officially, Christ is present, truly and substantially, in the Immaculate Host, the Sacrament of Piety, a sign of unity, and a bond of charity! 2. The Eucharist is – and will always be – a source of true harmony and peace for individuals, families, and nations. If it is properly frequented, it restrains the passions, especially pride and selfishness, which are the cause of so many evils; it unites wills in concord; it stimulates the sense of fraternity; it impels one to love what is just and to alleviate the sorrows of those who suffer; how can all this not arise from the sustenance of a Table at which brothers are nourished with the same Bread, with the 3 Sacrament of the entire unity of the Church! We ardently desire – and we ask this of the Most High – that the splendors of that Custodia may penetrate your minds, sanctifying them, that they may sustain you in good works, and that they may enlighten even those who, drawn by poor illusions, are separated from divine law. Yes, the splendor and enthusiasm of this Congress must not be extinguished with its conclusion: each faithful person from Strasbourg, living a life of profound piety, each family practicing domestic virtues, each organization demonstrating integrity of customs, must bravely testify that God has a throne, not only in the Eucharist, but also in souls, in homes, in schools, in fields, and in cities, from which He influences, as absolute King, the actions and steps of each person from Strasbourg. Beloved: Strasbourg is great and beautiful; may it also be holy. With these paternal desires, we abundantly bless Our most worthy Legate; Our brothers in the Episcopate; the Lord President and Government of the Republic; the authorities present; all those who have collaborated in the Congress; the Clergy, Religious, and all the faithful of Strasbourg, who are so dear to us as a Father. - Cf. St. Augustine, Tractate 26 on the Gospel of St. John, verse 13. St. Thomas Aquinas, Summa Theologica, Part 3, Question 88, Article 4, ad 3.

[*Latin ed. p. 779*]

Diarium Romanae Cunae 779 DIARIUM ROMANAE CURIAE Tuesday, November 3, 1959, the Holy Father John XXIII received in a solemn Audience His Excellency Dr. GALAL EZZAT, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the United Arab Republic, for the presentation of his Credentials. On the same day, the Holy Father John XXIII subsequently received in a solemn Audience His Excellency Dr. NORITAKE YOSHIOKA, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Japan, for the presentation of his Credentials. Saturday, November 7, 1959, the Holy Father John XXIII received in Audience Their Royal Highnesses, PRINCE RANIERI III, Sovereign Prince of Monaco, and the Princess Consort. Tuesday, November 10, 1959, the Holy Father John XXIII received in Audience Their Majesties,

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KING FREDERICK IX and QUEEN INGRID of Denmark.

SECRETARY OF STATE

APPOINTMENTS

By Brevi Apostolici, the Holy Father John XXIII, happily reigning, deigned to appoint:

February 19, 1959. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Antonio Riberi, titular Archbishop of Darà, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland.

April 10. The Most Reverend and Venerable Cardinal Giuseppe Maria Bueno y Monreal, Protector of the "Terciarias Franciscanas de la Purísima" (Murcia, Cartagena).

April 10. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Paolo Berteli, titular Archbishop of Nicomedia, Apostolic Nuncio to Lebanon.

April 28. The Most Reverend and Venerable Cardinal Domenico Tardini, Protector of the "Sisters of the Holy Humility of Mary" (Villa Maria, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.).

June 19. The Most Reverend and Venerable Cardinal Andrea Jullien, Protector of the Sisters "des Ecoles Chrétiennes de la Miséricorde" (Coutances, France).

[*Latin ed. p. 780*]

780 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale, 21 Iunii 1959. Eminentissimus et Reverendissimus Dominus Cardinalis Cicognani Amleto Ioannes, Protector "Sororum Franciscanarum Sacri Cordis" (Joliet, 111., Civitates Foederatae Americae). 30. S. E. Reverendissimus Domine Lardone Franciscus, Archiepiscopus titularis Rizei, Delegatus Apostolicus in Turcia. 7 Augusti. Eminentissimus et Reverendissimus Dominus Cardinalis Bueno Monreal Iosephus Maria, Protector "Hermanarum Salesianarum Sacratissimi Cordis Iesu" (Alcantarilla, Cartagena). 8. S. E. Reverendissimus Domine Mojaisky Perrelli Gastone, Archiepiscopus titularis Amiasbi, Delegatus Apostolicus in Congo Belgico et Ruanda Urundi. 19 Septembris. Eminentissimus et Reverendissimus Dominus Cardinalis Garibi Rivera Iosephus, Protector "Religiosarum Verbi Incarnati et Santissimi Sacramenti" (Civitas Mexico). 29. Eminentissimus et Reverendissimus Dominus Cardinalis Cento Ferdinandus, Protector "Carmelitarum Missionariarum Tertiariarum Descalzatarum" (Tarragona, Hispania). 3 Octobris. Eminentissimus et Reverendissimus Dominus Cardinalis Ciriaci Petrus, Protector Sororum Dominicanarum Ancillarum Domini (Popiglio, Pistia). 7 Novembris. Eminentissimus et Reverendissimus Dominus Cardinalis Ottaviani Alfredus, Secretarius Sacrae Congregationis Supremae Sancti Officii. Cum litteris a Secretaria Status, Sanctissimus Pater Ioannes XXIII., feliciter regnans, dignatus est

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nominare: 8 Octobris 1959. Reverendissimum Patrem Capobiancum Pacificum, Ordinis Fratrum Minorum, Consultorem Sacrae Congregationis Religiosorum. 19. Reverendissimum Dominum Bernardum Ioannem, Praesidem Officii Catholici Internationalis Cinematographici, Consultorem Pontificiae Commissionis pro Cinematographia, Radio et Televisione. 22. Eminentissimum et Reverendissimum Dominum Cardinalem Cento Ferdinandum, Membrum Sacrae Congregationis Rituum. S. E. Reverendissimum Dominum Staffa Dinum, Consultorem Sacrae Congregationis Supremae Sancti Officii. 3 Novembris. Eminentissimum et Reverendissimum Dominum Cardinalem Ciriaci Petrum, Membrum Commissionis Cardinalitiae pro Administratione Bonorum Sanctae Sedis. 8. Illustrissimus et Reverendissimus Domine Casoria Iosephus, Consultor Sacrae Congregationis pro Ecclesia Orientali. 9. Illustrissimus et Reverendissimus Domine Del Ton Iosephus, Pro Secretario Litterarum Latinarum.

[*Latin ed. p. 781*]

Diarium Romanae Curiae 781
Secretaries extraordinary of His Holiness: 21
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1959.
Most Reverend Giovanni Belej, of the diocese of Maribor.
Most Reverend Massimiliano Jezernik, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Armando Vandenbunder, of the diocese of Bruges.
Most Reverend Claudio Zedda, of the archdiocese of Oristano.
Most Reverend Alberto Dubois, of the archdiocese of Paris.
Most Reverend Giovanni Levillain, of the same archdiocese.
Most Reverend Francesco Lorusso, of the diocese of Ruvo and Bitonto.
Most Reverend Angelo Cera, of the "nullius" abbey of Subiaco.
Most Reverend Vincenzo Calliano, of the diocese of Alba.
Most Reverend Antonio Seccatore, of the diocese of Albenga.
Most Reverend Giovanni Papa, of the diocese of Andria.
Most Reverend Ottavio Borsieri, of the diocese of Cremona.
Most Reverend Francesco De Tommasi, of the diocese of Lecce.
Most Reverend Giuseppe Delsignore, of the diocese of Novara.
Most Reverend Mario Quaglia, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Pietro Sganzetta, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Leopoldo Antonini, of the diocese of Pistoia.
Most Reverend Luigi Marini, of the same diocese.

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Most Reverend Michele Enriore, of the archdiocese of Turin.

Most Reverend Angelo Salassa, of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Vitantonio Rinaldi, of the diocese of Tricarico.

Most Reverend Graciano Moráis Assunçâo R., of the archdiocese of Goa and Damäo.

Most Reverend Pasquale Granchelli, of the diocese of Penne-Pes cara.

Most Reverend Giovanni Morelli, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Fileno Radocchia-De Luca, of the same diocese.

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Most Reverend Mattia Skabar, of the diocese of Trieste.

Most Reverend Antonio Einaudi, of the diocese of Saluzzo.

Most Reverend Agostino Passera, of the archdiocese of Turin.

Most Reverend Pietro Ferraro, of the diocese of Mondovì.

Most Reverend Francesco Pezza, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Salvatore Palatucci, of the diocese of Nusco.

Most Reverend Luciano Foucreault, of the diocese of San Giovanni di Québec.

Most Reverend Carlo Mazzotti, of the diocese of Faenza.

Most Reverend Giacomo Raccagni, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Michele Rambelli, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Domenico Mondini, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Giacomo Tampieri, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Tommaso Belli, of the diocese of Mondovì.

Most Reverend Alfredo Battisti, of the diocese of Padua.

Most Reverend Pietro Brazzo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Francesco Frasson, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Paolino Menna, of the diocese of Nola.

Most Reverend Domenico Latronico, of the diocese of Potenza.

[*Latin ed. p. 782*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 782 31 » July)) » 7 » » August » » »)) » » » 8 14 » » » » » 20. D » » ì> » » 22 » » » »)) » 29 » 1959. Monsignor Michele Rotundo, of the diocese of Potenza. » Monsignor Giuseppe Patrizio Breen, of the Archdiocese of Sydney. » Monsignor Edoardo Téehan, of the same archdiocese. » Monsignor Lino Lauri, of the Archdiocese of Fermo. » Monsignor Giuseppe Roscioli

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(senior), of the same archdiocese. » Monsignor Ludovico Cassiani, of the same archdiocese. » Monsignor Achille Oorradini, of the same archdiocese. » Monsignor Giovanni Battista Boni, of the same archdiocese. » Monsignor Ludovico Kada, of the Archdiocese of Strigonia. » Monsignor Mario Volpe, of the diocese of Livorno. » Monsignor Amedeo Tintori, of the same diocese. » Monsignor Ciriaco Scanzillo, of the Archdiocese of Naples. » Monsignor Paolo Marrone, of the same archdiocese. » Monsignor Edgardo Foucault, of the diocese of Nicolet. » Monsignor Paolo Roy, of the same diocese. » Monsignor Luigi Lazzari, of the diocese of Bergamo. » Monsignor Giuseppe Speranza, of the same diocese. » Monsignor Teodoro Dolci, of the same diocese. » Monsignor Stefano Baronchelli, of the same diocese. » Monsignor Giovanni Mutti, of the same diocese. » Monsignor Giovanni Antonietti, of the same diocese. » Monsignor Paolo Carrara, of the same diocese. » Monsignor Biagio Filippini, of the diocese of Cagli and Pergola. » Monsignor Franco Marochi, of the same diocese. » Monsignor Luigi Zucchetti, of the same diocese. » Monsignor Giuseppe Sciamanna, of the same diocese. » Monsignor Giuseppe Verzini, of the same diocese. » Monsignor Francesco Canella, of the diocese of Padua. Extraordinary Chamberlain of the Sword and Cape of His Holiness, July 24, 1959. Mr. Emilio Bonomelli (Vatican City). Honorary Chamberlains in the paonazzo (purple) attire of His Holiness: January 30, 1959. Monsignor Edmondo TJlinski, of the diocese of Chelmno. August 14, Monsignor Pasquale Di Stasi, of the diocese of Venosa. Honorary Extraordinary Chamberlains of the Sword and Cape of His Holiness: June 12, » July 17, 1959. Mr. Antonio Folli, of the Archdiocese of Milan. » Mr. Gaudenzio Antonio Giannini, of the same archdiocese. » Mr. Emilio Solustri (Rome). » Mr. Carlo Romero De Lecea, of the Archdiocese of Tarragona.

[*Latin ed. p. 783*]

From the Roman Curia Diary, 783: HONORS. By Apostolic Brief, the Most Holy Father John XXIII, reigning happily, deigned to bestow: The Supreme Order of Christ: October 12, 1959. Upon Prince Del Drago, Don Mario, Captain Commander of the Noble Guard of His Holiness. With letters from the Secretariat of State, the Most Holy Father John XXIII, reigning happily, deigned to bestow: The Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Sylvester: July 15, 17, 1959. Upon Mr. Etho Akira (Japan). Upon Mr. Imamatsu Jiro (Japan). Upon Mr. Tokai Motosaburo (Japan). Upon His Excellency Queirós Enrico Bacelar Caldeira (Portugal). The Commander's Cross with Plaque of the Order of Saint Sylvester: June 12, 26, 31, 1959. Upon Mr. Lechner Carlo, of the Archdiocese of Vienna. Upon Mr. Perrotta Ubaldo, of the Archdiocese of Salerno. Upon Mr. Winders Max, of the Archdiocese of Malines. The Knighthood of the Order of Saint Sylvester: April 10, 24, 22, 12, 19, 3, 17, 1959. Upon Mr. Chala Giuseppe, of the Patriarchate of the Alexandrian Copts. Upon Mr. Fahmy Farid, of the same

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Patriarchate. Upon Mr. Nollet Anatolio Girolamo, of the Diocese of Bruges. Upon Mr. Villarroel Liguori Emanuele, of the Diocese of Madrid. Upon Mr. De Bastiani Angelo, of the Diocese of Vittorio Veneto. Upon Mr. Mantegani Luigi, of the same Diocese. Upon Mr. Schneider Giovanni Maria, of the Archdiocese of Pamiggio. Upon Mr. Amagliani Armando, of the Diocese of Fossombrone. Upon Mr. Girometta Luigi, of the Diocese of Lodi. Upon Mr. Bianchi Vincenzo, of the Diocese of Pavia. Upon Mr. Bruno Erberto, of the same Diocese. Upon Mr. Merlo Mario, of the same Diocese. Upon Mr. Poma Agostino, of the same Diocese. Upon Mr. Lanza Carlo, of the same Diocese. Upon Mr. Corniti Paolo (France). Upon Mr. Ducret Andrea (France). Upon Mr. Stella Ettore, of the Archdiocese of Lanciano.

[*Latin ed. p. 784*]

Acta 784 17 » » 31. » » July » » » » » » » 14 August »' 22 » » Of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 1959. To the Reverend Mr. Raffaele De Angelis, of the Archdiocese of Lanciano. To the Reverend Mr. Carlo Borsella, of the same archdiocese. To the Reverend Mr. Abdel Aziz Aly Bassiouni Mohamed (R.A.U.). To the Reverend Mr. Emilio Fochi, of the Archdiocese of Bologna. To the Reverend Mr. Francesco Delestre, of the Archdiocese of Malines. To the Reverend Mr. Francesco de Roeck, of the same archdiocese. To the Reverend Mr. Pietro Deschouwer, of the same archdiocese. To the Reverend Mr. Costante Fabri, of the same archdiocese. To the Reverend Mr. Fernando Togni, of the same archdiocese. To the Reverend Mr. Clemente Casagrande, of the Archdiocese of Trento. To the Reverend Mr. Alain Edoardo, of the Diocese of Mcolet. To the Reverend Mr. Roland Boulanger, of the same diocese. To the Reverend Mr. Francesco Ciaramella, of the Diocese of Caserta.

NECROLOGY

October 29, 1959. Most Reverend Monsignor Ottavio Chagas de Miranda, Bishop of Pouso Alegre.

November 2. Most Reverend Cardinal Frederick Tedeschini, Suburbicarian Bishop of Frascati, Archpriest of the Vatican Basilica, Prefect of the Holy Congregation for the Fabric of St. Peter, Datary of His Holiness.

November 6. Most Reverend Monsignor Ludovico Auneau, Titular Bishop of Cerasonte.

November 8. Most Reverend Monsignor Alfonso Maria de Sanctis, Bishop of Todi.

November 9. Most Reverend Monsignor Giovanni Battista Filippucci.

November 16. Most Reverend Monsignor Gregory Rozman, Archbishop of Ljubljana.

November 18. Most Reverend Monsignor Enrico Mario Bernard, Bishop of Perpignano.

Most Reverend Monsignor Giuseppe Charbonneau, Titular Archbishop

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of Bosporo.

Most Reverend Monsignor Raffaele Gioacchino d'Assunçâo, Titular Archbishop of Naxos, Andros, Tinos, and Micone, Archbishop of Limira.

November 22.

[*Latin ed. p. 785*]

A.D. and Vol. LI, November 28, 1959 (Series III, Vol. I) - No. 15. ACTA AP. SEDIS, Official Commentary. ACTS OF POPE JOHN XXIII. APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTIONS. I. KIMBERLEY AND OTHERS (BECHUANALAND). A NEW APOSTOLIC PREFECTURE IS ESTABLISHED, TO BE CALLED (BECHUANALAND), COMPRISING TERRITORIES DETACHED FROM THE DIOCESES OF KIMBERLEY AND BULAWAYO, AND FROM THE APOSTOLIC VICARIATE OF WINDHOEK. JOHN, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD: TO THE EVERLASTING MEMORY. Whereas Our Venerable Brothers, the Cardinals who preside over the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, have judged it opportune for the best and for the advancement of the Christian cause to establish a new Apostolic Prefecture in the territory of Southern Africa, which is called Bechuanaland; and whereas, after having heard the Venerable Brother Caelestinus Josephus Damiano, Archbishop with the title of Nicopolis in Epirus and Apostolic Delegate in Southern Africa, and after the sacred prelates, among whom were those concerned, having approved all these things, We, having considered all these matters, by Our Apostolic authority, decree and order the following. Those parts of Southern Africa which pertain either to the Diocese of Kimberley, and are assigned to the Congregation of Missionaries of the Most Blessed Virgin Immaculate, or to the Diocese of Bulawayo, and are assigned to the Congregation of Missionaries of Mariannhill, or finally, to the Apostolic Vicariate of Windhoek, also assigned to the Congregation of Missionaries of the Most Blessed Virgin Immaculate, which are situated in the protectorate commonly called Bechuanaland, are detached from the aforementioned ecclesiastical jurisdictions.

[*Latin ed. p. 786*]

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We establish a new apostolic prefecture, to be called Bechuanaland, and assign it to the Congregation for the Clergy, specifically to the Congregation of Clerics Regular of the Most Holy Cross and Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, subject to Our will and that of the Apostolic See. We grant to this prefecture all the rights and privileges that the Code of Canon Law grants to such ecclesiastical entities; and We likewise invest its Ordinary with all the honors and privileges, and burdens and duties, with which other men of the same order are endowed and burdened. The decrees contained in these documents shall be carried out by the Most Reverend Celestine

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Joseph Damiano, whom We have mentioned, or by him who, at the time these matters are to be carried out, presides over the Apostolic Delegation; provided that he has the authority to delegate another man for this purpose, provided that the latter possesses an ecclesiastical dignity. Whoever undertakes this task shall be responsible for drawing up the documents pertaining to the division of the territory and for sending faithful copies thereof to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith as soon as possible. We intend these documents to be effective now and in the future; so that those to whom they pertain shall observe religiously what has been decreed therein, and thus obtain their full effect. No prescriptions of any kind whatsoever shall be able to be contrary to the effectiveness of these documents, since by these documents We derogate from all such. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to tear or corrupt these documents expressing Our will; rather, the copies of these documents, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a man constituted in an ecclesiastical dignity, and which are signed by a public notary, shall have the same full faith as if they were presented. Whoever shall in any way despise or disregard Our decrees in general, let him know that he shall incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the second day of the month of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-ninth, in the first year of Our pontificate.

For the Holy Roman Church:
DOMINICUS Card. TARDINI

PETRUS Card. FUMASONI BIONDI

Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith
Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancellor
Bernardus De Felicis, Protonotary Apostolic
Caesar Federici, Protonotary Apostolic
Loco 83
In Ap. Cane, tab., vol. C, n. 30.

[*Latin ed. p. 787*]

Acta Joannis Pp. XJTll 787 II CULIACANENSIS: In the Cathedral Church of Culiacán, a College of Canons is established. JOHN, Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God, for the perpetual memory of this event, decrees as follows: Following the ancient institution of our ancestors, this Apostolic and Roman See endeavors that, in each diocese throughout the world, wherever it may be possible, the Bishops select the most suitable men, who, through

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their works, may increase the splendor of the divine worship, and who may assist and favor the sacred ministers with counsel and support. Therefore, since the venerable Prater Linus Aguirre Garcia, Bishop of Culiacán, earnestly requested that a group of Canons be established in his diocese; and since We have received the opinion of the Most Holy Congregation of the Consistory, after hearing the venerable Brother Aloysius Raimondi, Archbishop with the title of Tarsus and Apostolic Delegate in the Mexican Prefecture, and those who have been expressly granted the powers used by him, and after judging that these prayers should be granted, We gladly approve this opinion and declare it valid. For this reason, after carefully considering the matter, and with the consent of those who have some authority in this matter, or who believe themselves to have it, We, by Our supreme authority, decree and establish the following: In the cathedral temple of Culiacán, We establish a College of Canons, which shall consist of six Canons and two Prebends, as is said; of the Canons, one shall be adorned with the dignity of Archdeacon, another shall perform the office of Doctor of Theology, a third shall serve as Penitentiary, according to the norms of canon 398, § 1 of the Code of Canon Law. The dignities shall be assigned by Us and by this Apostolic See; the remaining benefits shall be granted according to the law; in this matter, We grant permission that, with regard to the appropriate endowments, which the College calls Prebends, these are not defined and assigned to specific offices, but that the same dignity, namely the canonry and the mansionary, be granted to those priests who enjoy a certain benefit, even when it is connected with the care of souls. As for the endowment of the College and its administration and assignment, this shall be determined by laws established by the Bishop of Culiacán. Furthermore, the offices, duties, rights, and privileges of this group shall be in accordance with the prescriptions of the Code of Canon Law.

[*Latin ed. p. 788*]

788 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - The Official Commentary will be published. Since Canons are often required to perform other ecclesiastical duties, we permit that the Divine Offices, which are proper to the Canons, be performed by at least those who follow, on the following feast days: namely, on the Nativity and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, on the feast of Pentecost, on the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Guadalupe, and on the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel. Furthermore, since those who constitute the council and senate of the sacred prelates ought also to be adorned with their own insignia, we permit that, with regard to the archdiaconal and canonical choral vestments and insignia, they use a violet subcowl, a black vestment with violet borders, orbs, and ocelli, violet shoes, a violet silk sash, also with violet silk fringes, a rochet with sleeves of crimson color,

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covered with a net-like fabric; a black biretta with a violet tassel, and a crimson woolen mozzetta, without a hood, with an inner crimson lining. Outside the choir, but still within the boundaries of the Culiacán diocese, they shall wear the habit called the "piano," with a violet subcowl, a black vestment with violet borders, orbs, and ocelli, violet shoes, and a violet silk sash, and a long, black talar pallium. Finally, we order that the venerable Brother Aloysius Raimondi, whom we mentioned, will take care that these things are carried out, and we grant him all the necessary powers to do so, including the power to delegate any man, provided that he is distinguished by ecclesiastical dignity. He will also duly record the documents of the completed work, and will send faithful copies thereof to the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory as soon as possible. If, at the time when these things must be done, another person presides over our Apostolic Nunciature in the Mexican Prefecture, he will have the same duties and will enjoy the same powers. We intend that these documents be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those to whom they pertain will observe what has been decreed therein with religious devotion, and thus will give them effect. No prescriptions of any kind can be contrary to the effectiveness of these documents, since by these documents we abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, whether endowed with authority or not, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these documents, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a man established in ecclesiastical dignity, and which are also signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented in person.

[*Latin ed. p. 789*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII, 789, tur. Let it be known that whoever, in any place, shall either despise or in any way condemn Our decrees, shall know that he will incur the penalties established by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the sixth day of the month of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, the first year of Our pontificate. For the Holy Roman Church, I, DOMINICUS, Cardinal, TARDINI, Secretary; MARCELLUS, Cardinal, MIMMI, from the Sacred Congregation of the Church Orientalis, Secretary; Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancery; Franciscus H. Ferretti, Protonotary Apostolic; Albertus Serafini, Protonotary Apostolic; at the place designated, in the Apostolic Chancery, volume C, number 29.

III. EXARCHATE IN GERMANY. AN EXARCHATE IS ESTABLISHED IN GERMANY FOR THE RUSSIAN FAITHFUL OF THE BYZANTINE RITE, RESIDING THERE.

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IOANNES, Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God, for the perpetual memory of this event:

Since, due to the immense war that spread throughout almost all of Europe, a very large multitude of people of the Byzantine rite fled from their homeland, from Galicien and Carpathia, and, after the war ceased, it was not possible for them to return to their land and seek their homes, this Apostolic See not only aided these sons, whom it has always held dear, in every way, but also sent an Apostolic Visitator, namely Peter Werhun, to care for them in its name. This man, because of his unwavering and unblemished faith towards the Roman Church, was exiled and, weakened by his labors, died in the region of Siberia.

Desiring to provide more appropriately for these faithful, who have their seat and dwelling in Germany, Our Predecessor, Pius XII, after hearing the opinion of the Apostolic Nuncio in Germany and after deliberation with the venerable Brother, Our Cardinal, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church, judged that it would be greatly to the benefit of these faithful if a provision were made for the preservation of the faith and the rites...

[*Latin ed. p. 790*]

790 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - An official commentary, for the preservation of integrity, and also for the increase of communion with this Apostolic See, an Exarchate was established in that nation. However, when the same Supreme Pontiff passed away through a pious death, no documents concerning this matter were given in Apostolic Letters. Therefore, so that the decrees which he himself established, leading to this outcome, may not be rendered void, We decree and order the following. In the nation of Germanica, We establish an Exarchate for the faithful Ruthenians of the Byzantine rite residing there, whose seat will be in the city of Monachio, where many citizens of that rite reside; in that city, the Exarch will establish his residence, and the seat of his authority will be established in a church built there. This new jurisdiction will be directly subject to the Apostolic See, and all rights, honors, and privileges which are granted to such Churches are granted to this one as well; and We also impose just duties upon the clergy, according to the norms of the sacred canons. Furthermore, in this arrangement, proven practices and legitimate customs of the Oriental Church must be observed entirely. As for the young men who desire to be initiated into the priesthood, they shall be sent to Rome; and concerning the selection of advisors to the Exarch, We decree that they shall be chosen in the manner prescribed by legitimate custom. The Exarch's table, which they call a "populi collationes," shall be supported either by contributions from the people or by the revenues of the Exarchate's property. Finally, We desire that the venerable Brother Aloysius Joseph Muench, Archbishop and Bishop of Fargensis, and also Apostolic Nuncio in Germanica, shall

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take care of the execution of these Our decrees, either by himself or through another, provided that the person is one established in ecclesiastical dignity. He shall write a document attesting to the completion of this task, and shall send true copies thereof promptly to the Holy Congregation for the Oriental Church. If, at that time, another person presides over the same Nunciature, he shall carry out Our commands. We will and order that these Letters shall be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those things which are decreed through them shall be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their force. No prescriptions of any kind shall be able to be contrary to the effectiveness of these Letters, since through these Letters We abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it shall be considered entirely void and of no effect. Furthermore, it shall not be permitted to anyone to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these Letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person established in ecclesiastical dignity, and which are signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented.

[*Latin ed. p. 791*]

791. Acts, of Pope John XXIII. Those who, in any way, either despise or reject Our decrees throughout the world, let them know that they will incur the penalties established by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the seventeenth day of the month of April, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-ninth, in the first year of Our Pontificate. For the Holy Roman Church, the Chancellor, Dominic Cardinal Tardini; and the Secretary, Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, Prefect of the Congregation for Eastern Churches. Bernard De Felicis, Regent of the Apostolic Chancery. Caesar Federici, Apostolic Protonotary. In the Apostolic Cane, volume C, number 25, page IV.

APOSTOLIC PREFECTURE OF NZEREKORE.

THE APOSTOLIC PREFECTURE OF NZEREKORE IS RAISED TO THE RANK AND DIGNITY OF A DIOCESE.

JOHN, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD,

FOR THE EVERLASTING MEMORY OF CHRIST,

So that the Kingdom of Heaven, which is the Church, 1 may, as a large tree, bear fruit throughout the entire world, it is daily made manifest, as peoples and nations enter the confines of the Church, so that they may

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enjoy the most brilliant light of truth and find the most benevolent grace of the eternal God. We, therefore, who, by divine providence, govern the affairs of the Christian republic, strive with all our might to facilitate this access for the nations through a suitable arrangement of ecclesiastical circumscriptions. Wherefore, when Our venerable Brothers, the Cardinals, Prefects of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, have judged it opportune that the Apostolic Prefecture of Nzerekore, for the Missionaries of Africa, or the White Fathers, 1

1 Cf. Mt. 13, 31-33.

[*Latin ed. p. 792*]

792 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - The Official Commentary grants, to the place [Grado], the status of a diocese: for by this, not only will zeal be added to the members for new works, but, which is greater, a certain increase in religious matters in that place will be assured; We, having heard the opinion of the venerable Brother Marcellus Lefebvre, Archbishop of Dakar, and Apostolic Delegate in Africa, by Our supreme and apostolic authority, decree and order the following. We transform the Apostolic Prefecture of Nzerekore into a diocese, retaining its name and boundaries, and we place it under the metropolitan see of Conakry, with the understanding that it shall be subject to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. The seat of this diocese will be the city commonly known as N'Zérékoré, in which the Bishop will reside and will establish his cathedral, namely, in the temple dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which we elevate to the status of a cathedral, with the appropriate privileges. We entrust the Church, which we have established, to the same members who previously governed it under Our and the Apostolic See, granting them, as is fitting, the rights, honors, and privileges pertaining to a diocese and its Ordinary. The Holy Prelate will endeavor to establish at least an elementary seminary: for this will contribute to the future prosperity of the diocese; and he will establish a College of Canons. However, if this cannot be immediately brought to fruition, the Bishop will take care to appoint, for the time being, diocesan consultants who will assist with advice, and who will cease from their duties when the Canons are established. He will establish a Bishop's Table, consisting of the sustenance of the people, the revenues of the Curia, and the goods of the Prefecture. Furthermore, with regard to the administration of the diocese, the election of a Capitular Vicar in the event of a vacancy, the norms of law shall be scrupulously observed. Moreover, the venerable Brother Marcellus Lefebvre, whom we have mentioned, or whoever succeeds him at the time of execution, will take care to carry out these decrees, with the necessary powers, which he may also delegate to others, provided they are men of ecclesiastical standing. After the matters have been completed, he will endeavor to draw up the documents, and he will take care to send true copies of them to the Sacred Congregation for the

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Propagation of the Faith. We will and desire that these letters be effective now and in the future; so that those things which have been decreed by them may be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their force. The effectiveness of these letters shall not be hindered by any prescriptions of any kind, since by these letters we abolish all such. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We declare such action to be utterly void and of no effect. To no one.

[*Latin ed. p. 793*]

Furthermore, these documents of Our will may be torn or damaged; indeed, copies of these letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person established in ecclesiastical dignity, and are also signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were the original documents, if it should be demonstrated. Whoever shall disregard or in any way despise Our decrees in general, let him know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, near St. Peter's, on the fifth and twentieth day of the month of April, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-ninth, in the first year of Our pontificate.

JAMES A. Card. COPELLO

PETER Card. FUMASONI BIONDI

Secretary of the Holy Roman Church

Prefect of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith

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RHODESIAE SEPTEMTRIONALIS ET NYASSALAND: TWO NEW NAMES WILL BE: ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCES ARE ESTABLISHED, NAMELY RHODESIAE SEPTEMTRIONALIS AND NYASSALAND.

IOANNES, SERVUS DEI, EPISCOPUS SERVORUM DEI, FOR THE EVERLASTING MEMORY.

Since the Christian faith has greatly increased, especially in the regions of Rhodesiae Septemtrionalis and in Nyassaland, the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith considered it opportune to grant the petitions presented by the most devoted son, Vedastus Mojaisky Perrelli, Apostolic Delegate in British East and West Africa, in which he requested that

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we establish there a sacred and episcopal hierarchy.

We, fully approving of the proposals of the Holy Congregation, and after due deliberation and with the consent of those who believe they have some right in this matter, by Our supreme and apostolic authority, We decree and order the following:

In that territory of Africa, two Provinces...

[*Latin ed. p. 794*]

794 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary: Concerning the ecclesiastical divisions of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland; the former shall be formed into the following ecclesiastical divisions, which We, through these Letters, reduce to the form of dioceses, preserving the name and boundaries of each: Lusaka, which shall be the metropolitan see among the others, with its seat in the city of Lusaka, in which city the sacred Prelate shall establish his residence and shall place the cathedral, namely, in the temple of the Blessed Virgin Mary, assumed into Heaven; Abercorn, with the episcopal seat and residence in the city of Abercorn, the bishop's chair being in the temple of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ; Fort Jameson, which diocese shall be called the diocese of Fort Jameson, with its seat in the same city, and the chair in the temple of Saint Anne; Kasama, of which the head of the Church shall be the city of Kasama, in which the Bishop shall reside, the chair of his office being placed in the sacred buildings of Mary, Help of Christians; Livingstone, of which the city of Livingstone shall be the principal city, and the temple of Saint Theresa of the Infant Jesus shall contain the episcopal chair; and finally, Ndola, of which the seat of the diocese shall be the city of Ndola, in which the sacred Antistes shall place the chair, in the temple of Christ the King. The second province, that is, of Nyasaland, shall be constituted by the following apostolic vicariates, which We also reduce to the order of dioceses: Blantyre, which We raise to the dignity of a metropolitan Church; its seat We deem to be established in the city of the same name, and the episcopal chair shall be placed in the sacred buildings of the Most Holy Mary, Queen of Hearts; Dedza, of which the principal city shall be Dedza, in which city the Prelate shall have his seat and residence; and the cathedral shall be the temple dedicated to the Holy Family of Nazareth; and finally, Lilongwe and Zomba, of which the seats of these divisions shall be the cities of Lilongwe and Zomba, and the cathedral temples shall be those dedicated to the Lady of Africa and to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As for the ecclesiastical divisions of Northern Nyasaland, Fort Bosebery, and Dedza, although they do not belong to any province, their Antistites may nevertheless participate in the episcopal convocations. All the cathedral seats which We have enumerated above shall continue to be subject to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith; and We transfer the Ordinaries in this manner: the venerable Brother Adam Cozlowiecki, S.J., from the titular Church of Diospolis

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minor to the archiepiscopal seat of Lusaka; the venerable Brother Adolf Fürstenberg, M.A., from the titular Church of Termessus to the episcopal seat of Abercorn; the venerable Brother Firmin Courtemanche, M.A., from the titular Church of Carystus to the seat of Fort Jameson; the venerable Brother Marcellus Daubechies, M.A., from the titular Church of Regiae to the episcopal seat of Kasama.

[*Latin ed. p. 795*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, year 795, concerning: the venerable Brother Timothy Fedlimin O'Shea, O.F.M. Cap., transferred from the titular see of Hierocaesarea to the see of Livingstone; the venerable Brother Francis Constantine Mazzieri, O.F.M. Conv., transferred from the titular see of Coeliana to the episcopal see of Ndola; the venerable Brother John Baptist Ubert Thenissen, S.M., transferred from the titular see of Giufita to the cathedral see of Blantyre; the venerable Brother Cornelius Citsulo, of the native clergy of Nyassa, transferred from the titular see of Bonitza to the episcopal see of Dedza; the venerable Brother Joseph Fady, M.A., transferred from the titular see of Abaradira to the episcopal see of Lilongwe; and finally, the venerable Brother Lawrence Hardman, transferred from the titular see of Attanansis to the see of Zomba.

We grant to the churches which we establish, and to their prelates, those rights, honors, and privileges which belong to each order; and we impose suitable obligations. Among the privileges which we grant to the Metropolitans of the two provinces, it is fitting to mention the following: that they may, within the territory under their jurisdiction, carry the cross in performing sacred ceremonies, and that they may use the pallium, after obtaining it in the sacred Consistory.

Let the Ordinaries take care to establish, in their respective sees, at least an elementary seminary, if one does not yet exist, for the reception of boys and for their preparation for the priesthood. Similarly, let them found a College of Canons; and if this cannot be done immediately, let them appoint diocesan consultants who will be of assistance to the Bishop with counsel and work. Once the Canons are established, they will cease from their previous duties.

With regard to the finances of the individual churches, the following shall apply: the revenues from the people's offerings, the income from the curia, goods, if any, which they possess, and finally, the money which the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith usually sends. The administration and governance of the dioceses, the election of a Capitular Vicar in the event of vacancies, and other matters of this kind, shall be regulated according to Canon Law.

Furthermore, the execution of these decrees will be overseen by our beloved son, Vedastus Mojaisky Perrelli, or by anyone whom he may delegate, with the necessary powers for that purpose. After the matters

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have been carried out, he will order that these documents be drawn up and that faithful copies be sent promptly to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. If, at that time, another person presides over this delegation, he will carry out all of our mandates.

We will and desire that these letters be effective now and in the future; so that those things which have been decreed through them will be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their full effect. The effectiveness of these letters will not be hindered by any prescriptions of any kind, since through these letters we abolish all such prescriptions. Therefore, if anyone,

[*Latin ed. p. 796*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See – an official commentary – which is endowed with every authority, whether knowingly or unknowingly, if anyone acts against it, We command that it be declared entirely null and void. Furthermore, no one shall be permitted to tear or alter these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person established in ecclesiastical dignity, and which have been signed by a public notary, shall be held to be entirely valid, just as if they were presented in their original form. Whoever shall disregard or in any way despise Our decrees in general, let him know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the fifth and twentieth day of the month of April, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, in the first year of Our pontificate.

IACOBUS A. Card. COPELLO

PETRUS Card. FUMASONI BIONDI

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Franciscus H. Ferretti, Proton. Apost.

Albertus Serafini, Proton. Apost.

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VI

LULUABURGENSIS (LUEBOËNSIS) – AFTER THE DEDUCTION OF CERTAIN TERRITORIES – A NEW VICARIATE IS ESTABLISHED, NAMED THE APOSTOLIC VICARIATE OF "LUEBOËNSIS," IN HONOR OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD.

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TO THE SERVANTS OF GOD, PERPETUAL MEMORIAL.

Just as earthly kingdoms strive against one another, and the opulence of each scarcely reaches its ruins to posterity, the Kingdom of Christ, that is, the Church, not only does not perish, but, as He Himself foretold, increases its borders day by day, subjecting peoples and nations to the dominion of the Divine Founder, renewing them with the leaven of sacred doctrine, and preparing them for eternal life and the blessedness of the Saints. For this reason, Our venerable Brothers have judged…

[*Latin ed. p. 797*]

From the Acts of Pope John XXIII, 797, Sacred Roman Empire. To the Cardinals, Prefects of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith: It would be beneficial if a new division were created within the Luluaburg Apostolic Vicariate; for thereby, either greater growth of the Christian religion might be hoped for, or the condition of the indigenous clergy might be improved through the establishment of a new jurisdiction. We, after having consulted with the Most Reverend Brothers Alfred Bruniera, Archbishop with the titular see of Claudiopolitan, in Honorade, and Apostolic Delegate in the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi, and Bernard Meis, Apostolic Vicar of Luluaburg, and having exercised our supreme and apostolic authority, decree and order the following: From the Luluaburg Apostolic Vicariate, which is governed by the members of the Congregation of the Most Sacred Heart of Mary, we separate that portion of territory, which we will soon describe, and from it we establish a new Apostolic Vicariate, to be called Luebo, named after the town, the principal city of the region; and we entrust this Apostolic Vicariate to the indigenous clergy, with the firm hope that they will diligently and with great zeal dedicate themselves to the education of the people and to guiding them according to the precepts of Christ. The boundaries of this jurisdiction shall be as follows: To the north, the limits between the Luluaburg Apostolic Vicariate and the Mweka Apostolic Prefecture; to the south, the borders between the Luluaburg Apostolic Vicariate and Portuguese Angola; to the west, the boundaries between the Luluaburg Apostolic Vicariate and the Kikwit Apostolic Vicariates and the Ipamu Apostolic Vicariate; and to the east, the sun: from the south, towards the north, the course of the Kassai River, up to the boundaries between the administrative territories known as Tshipaka and Kazumba; thence, the aforementioned boundaries, up to the place where the Luebo River joins; then, the course of the Luebo River, up to the point where the Zomba River flows into it, and the course of the Zomba River, up to the region where the Kele-Kele River flows into it; then, the courses of the Kele-Kele and Tshipumba Rivers, up to their sources; thence, the course of the Bibombo River, up to the place where it flows into the Lutshatsha River; finally, the course of the Lutshatsha River, up to the point where the Tshilomba River flows into it; furthermore, the course of the Tshilomba River, up to

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its sources; from the sources of that same river, up to the sources of the Tshilombela and Tshibashi Rivers; the Tshibashi River, up to the Lulua River; then, the Lulua River, up to the Lulanga River; from this place, up to the point where the Tembakata and Tshiowa Rivers converge, and, always towards the north, up to the sources of the Mulungila River; the course of the Mulungila River, up to the point where it flows into the Mwanzangoma River; and the course of the Tshaimba River, up to its sources; the course of the Biombombo River, up to the point where it flows into the Mukole River, and the course of the Mukole River.

[*Latin ed. p. 798*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 798, up to the point where it flows into the Lubudi River; the course of the Lutaki River from its sources to the place where it flows into the Lubuishi River; finally, the course of the Lubuishi River up to the point where it touches the boundary between the Apostolic Vicariate of Luluaburg and the Apostolic Prefecture of Mweka. We grant to this Apostolic Vicariate and its Prelate those rights, privileges, and honors which are due by law and custom; and we also impose upon the sacred office the just obligations. Furthermore, the venerable Brother Alfred Bruniera, having been granted the necessary powers for this purpose, or whoever he may designate, will strive to carry out these decrees, provided that he is a man constituted in ecclesiastical dignity. When the matter has been completed, he will take care to draw up the documents, and will promptly send true copies thereof to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. And if, at that time, another person presides over the same Apostolic Delegation, he will carry out Our mandates. We wish these Letters to be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those things which have been decreed through them will be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their force. No prescriptions of any kind whatsoever can be contrary to the efficacy of these Letters, since through these Letters we abolish all such things. Therefore, if anyone, whether endowed with authority or not, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these Letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a man constituted in ecclesiastical dignity, and which are signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented. Let those who in any way despise or disregard Our decrees know that they will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the fifth and twentieth day of the month of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-ninth, in the first year of Our Pontificate. JAMES A. Cardinal Cope□□□ PETER Cardinal Fumasoni Biondi, Substitute

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of the Secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. Hamletus Tondini, Prefect. Franciscus Hannibal Ferretti, Protonotary Apostolic. Albertus Serafini, Protonotary Apostolic. Place 83, in the Apostolic Chancery Table, Volume C, number 65.

[*Latin ed. p. 799*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 799 VII. NAGASAKIENSIS IN IAPONIA NOVA PROVINCIA ECCLESIASTICA CONSTITUITUR, CUIUS METROPOLITANA SEDES ERIT ARCHIDIOECESIS NAGASAKIENSIS. IOANNES EPISCOPUS SERVUS SERVORUM DEI AD PERPETUAM REI MEMORIAM.

We are daily grieved by the fact that the holy Church is afflicted in certain nations by enemies of the Christian religion; nevertheless, it is a great source of joy to us that the condition of the same Church among other peoples is flourishing, since, by divine grace, it progresses, increases, and, with great growth, becomes a cause of salvation for the people. Considering that this has occurred in a singular way in Japan, our venerable Brothers, Prefects of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, considered it a good and hopeful plan if a new ecclesiastical province were to be established in that region. For this reason, We, to whom the entire flock of the Lord has been entrusted, approving all these things, and supplementing the consent of those who have some right in this matter, after having asked the opinion of the venerable Brother Maximilian de Furstenberg, Archbishop with the title of Palten, and also Apostolic Delegate in Japan, by Our supreme authority We decree the following:

The dioceses of Nagasaki, Fukuoka, and Kagoshima are removed from the jurisdiction of the metropolitan archdiocese of Tokyo, and from these We establish a new ecclesiastical province, to be called Nagasakiensis, of which the principal church within its territory will be Nagasaki itself, which We raise to the rank of a metropolitan archdiocese; the others, namely Fukuoka and Kagoshima, will be subject to it as suffragan sees. We grant to this [province] and to its Prelate all those rights, honors, powers, and privileges which are customarily granted to metropolitan sees according to the norms of law. Therefore, he will be able to carry the cross before him and to use the pallium within the boundaries of the province, provided that he obtains this in the Sacred Consistory. The venerable Brother Paul Aijro Yamaguchi, hitherto Bishop of Nagasaki, is appointed the first Metropolitan Archbishop.

[*Latin ed. p. 800*]

By the authority of the Apostolic See, we create and declare this official document of the same Church, establishing certain rights and imposing certain obligations. He who has governed the diocese so wisely, we hope, will also govern the archdiocese most wisely. Furthermore, we wish that

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the Venerable Apostolic Delegate in Japan shall see to the execution of these Letters, or whoever he may designate, provided that he is a man established in ecclesiastical dignity, possessing the powers necessary for this purpose. When the matter has been completed, he shall order these documents to be drawn up, and shall promptly send true copies thereof to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. We wish these Letters to be effective now and in the future, so that those to whom they pertain shall religiously observe what has been decreed therein, and thus obtain their full effect. No prescriptions of any kind whatsoever shall be able to oppose the effectiveness of these Letters, since by these Letters we abolish all such. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that such action be declared entirely null and void. Furthermore, it shall be permitted to no one to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these Letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a man established in ecclesiastical dignity and are signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented. Let those who in any way despise or disregard Our decrees know that they will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the fourth day of the month of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine, in the first year of Our pontificate.

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Cancellarius
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[*Latin ed. p. 801*]

Acta Ioannis Pp. XXIII, 801, VIII, DE DIEGO SUAREZ - TANANARIVENSIS (AMBATONDRAZAKAËNSIS). A certain territory is taken from the dioceses of Diego Suarez and Tananarive, and a new diocese is established, to be called AMBATONDRAZA-KAËNSIS. IOANNES,

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Bishop, servant of the servants of God, for the perpetual memory of this event:

The sublime and fruitful tree, the most holy Church of Christ, its form and figure, into which all peoples ought to flow, as into a refuge of salvation and a harbor of tranquility, has grown so abundantly that its branches have reached the heavens, so that there may be no people, no nation, which, even if still devoted to error and idols, does not find refreshment in its shade and is not delighted with its sweetest fruits. Since this has happened in a singular way in the lands of the island of Madagascar, our venerable Brothers, the Cardinals of the Most Holy Roman Church, Prefects of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, having considered a request made beforehand by the venerable Father Marcello Lefebvre, Archbishop of Dakarensi, and Apostolic Delegate in Gallic Africa, judged it to be for the good of souls and for the increase of the Christian religion, if a new diocese were established there, from certain territories taken from the dioceses of Diego Suarez and Tananarive. Since these things are so, We, approving the deliberations of this Holy Congregation, and supplementing the consent of those who have some right in this matter, by Our supreme authority We decree and order the following. We separate the civil regions of Ambatondrazaka and Andilamena from the archdiocese of Diego Suarez, and also the region of Moramanga from the metropolitan See of Tananarive; and We establish a new diocese from these territories, to be called the Ambatondrazaka diocese, and We entrust it to prudent members of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity, for Our guidance and that of this Apostolic See. Furthermore, We wish that the diocese have its seat in the city of Ambatondrazaka.

[*Latin ed. p. 802*]

802 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale. Ambatondrazaka shall be the seat, in which the Bishop resides, the episcopal chair being placed in the temple of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, from which we remove the designation of a cathedral church. We establish the rights and obligations of the Church of Ambatondrazaka and of its Prelate; and we wish to note the following: that they are subject to the Metropolitan See of Tananarive and to its Holy Ordinary, and are suffragan. The Bishop of this Church shall see to it that at least an elementary seminary be established, for the reception of boys who aspire to the dignity of the priesthood; also that a College of Canons be founded; and if this cannot be done immediately, diocesan Consultors shall be chosen, who, with sincere minds, shall assist their Ordinary in giving counsel. But when the Canons have been appointed, then, by that very fact, this assembly of men shall cease from its duties. The episcopal table shall be provided for, by means of goods which shall accrue to the new See from the division of goods, according to Canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law; by means of distributions to the people,

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by revenues from the Curia; and by funds which the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith is accustomed to send. The governance, administration of the diocese, the election of a Capitular Vicar in the event of a vacancy, and similar matters, shall be regulated according to Canon Law. Finally, all documents and records which in any way pertain to the newly established circumscription shall be sent to its episcopal Curia, to be kept with great care in the archives of religious affairs. Furthermore, we wish that these Our instructions be carried out by the venerable Brother Marcel Lefebvre, either by himself or by a delegate, provided that the person is one established in ecclesiastical dignity. We grant to him all powers for this purpose. When the matter has been completed, he shall cause the same documents to be drawn up, and shall promptly send copies of them, with all due sincerity, to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. And if, at that time, another person presides over the same Delegation, that person shall take care to fulfill these Our mandates. We wish these Letters to be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those things which have been decreed by them shall be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their force. Nothing, of any kind, shall be able to obstruct the effectiveness of these Letters, since by these Letters we derogate from all things contrary to them. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to alter or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these Letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person established in ecclesiastical dignity, and which are signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were the original.

[*Latin ed. p. 803*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, number 803, are to be shown. Let those who, in any way, either despise or disregard Our decrees, know that they will incur the penalties established by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the twenty-first day of the month of May, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, in the first year of Our pontificate. James A., Cardinal. Cope□□□. Peter, Cardinal. Fumasoni Biondi. 8. R. E. Cancellarius. 8. C. de Prop. Fide Praefectus. Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancellor. Bernardus De Felicis, Protonotary Apostolic. Caesar Federici, Protonotary Apostolic.

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IX ANGELORUM - MEXICANA (TLAXCALENSIS)

"WHEREAS, certain territories have been taken from the Archdioceses of ANGELORUM and MEXICANA, a new Diocese is established, to be

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called <(TLAXCALENSIS)>, John, Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God, for the perpetual memory of this event, having been entrusted by the Redeemer of all mankind with the care of the flock of Christians to be fed and guided, we strive with all our strength to provide them with the greatest possible opportunity to embrace and observe the divine law. Therefore, since the venerable Brother Aloysius Raimondi, Archbishop with the title of Tarsus and Apostolic Delegate in the Mexican Prefecture, has made supplications to Us, so that We might establish a new Church there, within the most extensive parts of the territories of the Archdioceses of ANGELORUM and MEXICANA, after having heard the venerable Brothers Octavian Márquez Tóriz, Archbishop of ANGELORUM, and Michael Darium Miranda and Gómez, Archbishop of MEXICANA, and their consent, who, in this matter, either possess or believe themselves to possess some right, granting with a willing heart, concerning..."

[*Latin ed. p. 804*]

804 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary. By Our supreme authority, We decree and command the following. From the archdioceses of Angelorum and Mexicana, We separate the entire territory which, by civil law, is commonly known as Tlaxcala, and from it We establish a new diocese, which We name Tlaxcalensis, and whose boundaries shall be as follows: to the north, bordering the territories of Tulancingo and Angelorum; to the east and west, also bordering Angelorum; and to the south, bordering Tulancingo, Mexicana, and Angelorum. The seat of the New Church shall be the city of Tlaxcala, in which the Bishop shall establish his seat and residence, with the episcopal chair located in the church of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Confessor, in the same city; and that church shall henceforth be the cathedral of the diocese, with all rights and privileges. The Bishop shall also bear the expenses, as is fitting. It is also to be noted that the Bishop, together with the diocese, shall be a suffragan of the metropolitan Church of Angelorum. We also command that the Sacred Prelate to whom the administration of the Tlaxcalensis See is entrusted shall establish at least an elementary seminary for the reception of boys called to the ministry of the priesthood. When the students reach the age at which they are to be instructed in philosophical and theological disciplines, those who are most worthy shall be sent to Rome, to the Pontifical College for Latin American Students. Furthermore, a chapter of canons shall be established; and if this cannot be done at present, temporary consultors may be chosen, who shall relinquish their current duties upon being appointed as canons. The episcopal table, which is customary, shall be provided: this consists of the goods which will benefit the Tlaxcalensis Church, in accordance with canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law, including the revenues of the curia and the offerings of the faithful. The governance and administration of the diocese, the election of a Capitular Vicar in the event

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of a vacancy, and similar matters, shall be regulated according to Canon Law. With regard to priests, We decree that they shall be considered to belong to the diocese in which they hold a benefice or legitimate office; the other clergy shall reside in that diocese. Documents and records pertaining to the newly established diocese shall be sent to its episcopal curia as soon as possible, and shall be carefully preserved there in a properly maintained archive. Furthermore, all of these things which We have commanded shall be carried out by the Venerable Brother, the Apostolic Delegate in the Mexican Prefecture, or by whomever he may designate, provided that the person designated possesses the necessary qualifications and abilities for the priesthood. In fact, he shall strive to have these documents drawn up, and he shall send true copies thereof to the Sacred Consistory. If, however, at the time of execution, someone else presides over the same Apostolic Delegation, that person shall carry out Our commands. We will and desire that these letters be effective now and in the future; so that those things which have been decreed by them shall be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain.

[*Latin ed. p. 805*]

Let the acts of Pope John XXIII, numbered 805, be observed, and therefore, let them have force. No prescriptions of any kind can be contrary to the efficacy of these documents, since through these documents we abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that such action be declared entirely null and void. Furthermore, no one is permitted to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the same validity shall be given to copies of these documents, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person holding a position of ecclesiastical dignity, and which have been signed by a public notary, as would be given to these documents themselves, if they were presented. Whoever in any way disregards or rejects Our decrees in general should know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the third and twentieth day of the month of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-ninth, in the first year of Our pontificate. JAMES A. Cardinal COPELLO. MARCELLUS Cardinal MIMMI. 8. R. E. Chancellor. 8. Congregation of the Consistory, Secretariate. Hamletus Tondini, Regent of the Apostolic Chancery. Bernardus De Felicis, Apostolic Protonotary. Albertus Serafini, Apostolic Protonotary. *In the Apostolic Chancery Register, Volume C, number 93.* APOSTOLIC LETTERS: TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, COMMONLY CALLED "OUR LADY OF EL SOTO," WHO IS CHOSEN AS THE PRINCIPAL PATRONESS OF THE REGION OF TORANZO, AND WHOSE IMAGE IS CROWNED. POPE JOHN XXIII. For the perpetual memory of this event.

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In the diocese of Santander, the temple of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Grove, commonly called "Nuestra Señora de El Soto," holds a prominent place among the places of devotion.

[*Latin ed. p. 806*]

806 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentaritm Officiale. The place is called "El Soto," and it is a Marian shrine that is not only a splendid ornament of the town of "Iruz," where it is located, but also attracts the hearts of the faithful living in the surrounding region, and the Blessed Virgin, devoutly invoked, bestows heavenly graces there, sometimes in a truly extraordinary manner. The church was completed in the year 1687, along with the monastery that adjoins it, and it was built near an ancient chapel in which a magnificent image of the Mother of God had been venerated since ancient times. In the past, members of the Franciscan Order served in the sacred ministry there; in the year 1859, they were succeeded by Discalced Carmelites, to whom it is entrusted to ensure that this Marian sanctuary flourishes with spiritual vigor. It is also worth noting that, during the civil war in Spain, when the Catholic religion was being persecuted, the image was shamefully stolen and violated by sacrilegious hands; but after peace was restored, devotion to religion overcame impiety, and the image was carefully restored. Therefore, the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Lady of the Forest, is honored with the highest reverence by the faithful, especially by those who live in the valley called "de Toranzo," and her image deserves to be praised. The Venerable Brother Joseph Eguino Trecu, a Discalced Carmelite, expressing the sentiments of his brethren and of the people of God, requested that We declare the Blessed Virgin, invoked by that name, the heavenly patroness of the region, which comprises thirty towns known as the "Valle de Toranzo," and that We authorize the redemption of her image with a golden diadem. We, who strive with all our efforts to encourage people to love and venerate this most pious Mother, gladly accede to this request. Therefore, having heard our beloved son, Caietano, Cardinal Cicognani, Priest of the Holy Roman Church, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, and with full knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic power, by these letters We confirm and declare, for all time, the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Forest, also known as "Nuestra Señora de El Soto," to be the principal patroness before God of the entire region known as "de Toranzo," which includes thirty towns, with all the honors and liturgical privileges that properly belong to the principal patrons of regions. Furthermore, by these same Apostolic Letters and by Our authority, We entrust these matters to the Santanderiensi Ordinary, mentioned above, so that, at his discretion and on a day of his choosing, after the celebration of Mass, according to the prescribed rite and formula, he may bestow upon the image of the same Blessed Virgin, bearing that

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name, which is piously preserved in the church of the town of "Iruz,"

[*Latin ed. p. 807*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 807, bestow the golden crown, in Our name and with Our authority, notwithstanding any objections to the contrary. We decree, We establish, We determine that these present Letters shall remain forever firm, valid, and efficacious; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that those to whom they pertain, now and in the future, shall fully comply with them; and that they shall be duly judged and defined; and that they shall be declared null and void from this moment, if anything contrary to these should, by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, be attempted. Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's Ring, on the twenty-third day of the month of May, in the year 1957, the first of Our Pontificate.

To the Most Reverend Cardinal Tardini, concerning the public affairs of the Church, and the titles and privileges of the Minor Basilica of the Parish Church of the Blessed Virgin of Lourd in the city and Archdiocese of SÃ£o SebastiÃ£o do Rio de Janeiro.

Pope John XXIII, for the perpetual memory of this event.

The sacred and spacious temple, celebrated with great devotion and public gatherings, is located in the flourishing city of SÃ£o SebastiÃ£o do Rio de Janeiro. This excellent dwelling of piety was established in that place where, formerly, a small dwelling attracted the hearts of the faithful. In this temple, for the construction of which the people contributed generously, there is admiration not only for the works crafted with elegant skill by painters and sculptors, but also for the very structure, which, due to the so-called Roman style of architecture, enhances the beauty of the stones to no small degree. The greatest ornament of this temple is the active piety with which the clergy, who serve there, and the faithful people are filled, who not only come from that city but also from other cities of Brazil, pouring forth to this second, as it were, Lourd sanctuary, offering heavenly gifts and especially bringing the sick, so that they may be healed through the intercession of the blessed Mother. There, pious societies flourish, and it is with Our joy that We record that the elements of Christian doctrine are diligently and skillfully transmitted to boys and girls. Moved by all of this and receiving the votes of the faithful, Our beloved Son, James, of the Holy Roman Church,

[*Latin ed. p. 808*]

808 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - The official commentary of His Eminence, the Most Reverend Cardinal de Barros Cámara, Archbishop of SÃ£o SebastiÃ£o do Rio de Janeiro, requested that we grant the temple, which we have praised, the title and rights of a Minor Basilica. Responding with a willing heart to these requests, We, after consultation with the Sacred

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Congregation of Rites, with certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic power, by the force of these letters, perpetually establish and declare that the parish temple, dedicated to the honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, located in the city and archdiocese of SÃ£o SebastiÃ£o do Rio de Janeiro, shall be raised to the honor and dignity of a Minor Basilica, with all the rights and privileges that properly belong to sacred buildings, notwithstanding any contrary provisions. We decree, We establish, We decide that these present letters shall forever remain valid and effective; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that those to whom they pertain, now and in the future, shall fully support them; and that they shall be duly judged and defined; and that they shall be declared null and void from this moment forward, if anything contrary to these should be attempted by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, with any authority whatsoever. Given at Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's Ring, on the twentieth day of the month of May, in the year 1959, in the first year of Our pontificate. D. Card. TARDINI, Prefect of the Public Affairs of the Church.

III. THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, KNOWN AS "OF THE IMMACULATE HEART," IS ESTABLISHED AS THE PRINCIPAL CELESTIAL PATRON OF THE DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG. JOHN PP. XXIII. For the perpetual memory of this matter. — The children of the Church, in this age of constitutions, rightly implore the protection of the Most Holy Theotokos, so that through her intercession they may attain heavenly graces and more easily hasten the way to salvation. Following this counsel, the Venerable Brother Thomas McCabe, Bishop of Wollongong, presented petitions to Us, requesting that We declare the Blessed Virgin Mary, venerated under the name of "Immaculate Heart," as the heavenly patron of his jurisdiction. Confident that the veneration of the Virgin Mary would flourish with happy growth in that region, We willingly decided to fulfill these requests. Therefore, after consultation with the Sacred Congregation of Rites...

[*Latin ed. p. 809*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, number 809, state that, after carefully considering all relevant matters, with certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic authority, We hereby establish and declare, in perpetuity, the Blessed Virgin Mary, invoked as "Immaculate Heart," to be the principal celestial Patroness of the entire Diocese of Wollongong, with all the honors and liturgical privileges that rightfully belong to the principal Patrons of dioceses. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions. We decree, We establish, We ordain that these Letters shall remain firm, valid, and effective forever; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that those to whom they pertain, now and in the future, shall fully comply with them; and that they shall be duly judged and defined; and that, from this moment forward, they shall be declared

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void and null, if anything contrary to these provisions should be attempted by anyone, with any authority whatsoever, knowingly or unknowingly. Given at Rome, near Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's Ring, on the sixth day of the month of June, in the year 1956, in the first year of Our Pontificate.

D. Card. TABDINI, to the Most Reverend Father Joseph Cardinal Pizzardo, Bishop of Albano, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for Seminaries and Universities.

Your Eminence,

During the audience that I had the pleasure of granting you on Monday, October 5th of this year, you, Your Eminence, expressed your willingness to be relieved of one of the many duties that weigh upon you, and specifically, from the office of Secretary of the Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, so that you may be even more diligent and free to dedicate yourself with all your commitment and effectiveness to the other important tasks that you perform in the Curia. This gesture of yours greatly edified me, both for its own sake and for the noble manner in which you expressed it. When, on December 15, 1958, I held the Secret Consistory, I addressed...

[*Latin ed. p. 810*]

The *Acta Apostolicae Sedis* – the Official Commentary for the Cardinals – expresses the fervent aspiration of my soul that the increase in the number of Cardinals might, in some way, lighten the burden of very grave duties for some of them. I said this, not only because I was concerned, as I should be, not to demand too much from the precious energies of individual Cardinals, but also so that a more equitable distribution of responsibilities might facilitate the conduct of affairs within the Roman Curia, to the benefit of the entire Church. She has given a great example, and I am so pleased to be able to attest to this, as a new demonstration of that spirit of dedication with which she has always served the Holy See. On the other hand, the importance of the Sacred Dicastery that she continues to direct, and which presides over the universities of studies and the formation of the young clergy, the very apple of the Church's eye, is more than sufficient to justify the fact that she, already so deserving and rich in experience in this field, feels the need to dedicate all her precious energies to it. It is dear to me to assure her of the fervent gratitude of the Apostolic See for all that she has done, for many years, as Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, and to entrust to the Most Holy Virgin the prayer that she obtain from God the reward for the work she has accomplished with such generosity. As a sign of these sentiments and a pledge of heavenly graces, I impart to her, with all my heart, a special Apostolic Blessing. From the Vatican, 12 October 1959. IOANNES PP. XXIII. TO THE MOST REVEREND AND ILLUSTRIOUS CARDINAL EUGENIUS, SECRETARY OF STATE, ARCHBISHOP OF OSTIA, PORTUENSE AND S. RUFINAE,

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PREFECT OF THE SACRED CONGREGATION FOR CEREMONIES, AND SECRETARY AND ARCHIVIST OF HOLY ROMAN CHURCH.

Your Eminence,

A concern generally well understood in the higher echelons of the Apostolic Curia, namely that the distribution of the work of presidency and direction of the sacred Dicasteries be better adapted to personal circumstances and to a sense of more harmonious proportion of commitments and efforts, has suggested to you, Your Eminence, the noble gesture of renouncing the Secretaryship of the Holy Oriental Congregation.

[*Latin ed. p. 811*]

Regarding the allocation of your energies to the Presidency of the Library and Archives of the Holy Roman Church. It is dear to me to express to you, first of all, my satisfaction for this gesture, which constitutes a new testament to your profound attachment to the Holy See and the noble disinterestedness with which you have always served it. I will add, simply and frankly, that I am no less pleased by the thought that you, Cardinal, have so clearly demonstrated that you have fully understood the concern of my heart, which I expressed to the Cardinals in the Secret Consistory of December 15, 1958, when I communicated to them my aspiration that the increase in the number of Eminent Cardinals would contribute to relieving some of them from the heavy burden of commitments, thereby making the conduct of affairs more efficient. It is true – and it is just to acknowledge it – that your spirit of sacrifice, your tenacious, dynamic, and methodical activity, and the youthful vigor that God preserves in you, have enabled you, even in these recent years, to accomplish an extraordinary amount of work, always ready, as you are, to embrace even the simplest desire expressed to you by the Pope. What can I say, Cardinal, about the general edification aroused in Rome and elsewhere by your generous pastoral activity for the suburban diocese of Porto and S. Rufina? It will now be a source of great satisfaction for me to see the significance of the highest honor to which the name and task of the Librarian and Archivist of the Holy Roman Church are elevated in your person, Cardinal, associated with the glorious memories of Mai, of Herle, of Mercati, and of so many others. Your recognized competence, the long experience acquired, even as a director of the Library, and the just and universal esteem in which you are held in the international arena, will undoubtedly contribute to the development and better utilization of this important instrument of apostolate, to which you will be able to dedicate more time and delicate attention. Moreover, the other offices that you continue to hold will benefit from your greater availability of time. Renewing my expression of my full trust and affection, I would finally like to thank you for what you, Cardinal, have done during the twenty-three years you have spent as Secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Churches, for the benefit of the pastors and the faithful

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belonging to [that jurisdiction].

[*Latin ed. p. 812*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 812 on the Ancient and Venerable Eastern Rites. Only the Lord can worthily reward the generous self-denial with which She, alternating the daily and arduous work of the Office with journeys that were sometimes long and tiring, truly became all things to all men. To me, moreover, the memory of my first contacts with her person is particularly dear, both experiences illuminated by the same light of the Most Holy Pope Pius X, when His Holiness recounted to me the fortunate and fruitful early journeys of the young Monsignor Tisserant in the East (Nicopolis and Turkey), and, based on the valuable guidance of such a high precursor, He marked out the path for the mission that He was then entrusting to me, a mission that was to occupy twenty years of my service to the Holy See in those regions. Time passes: the seasons change, for everyone. But it is pleasing to rejoice in the Lord for whatever Providence arranges. Your coat of arms, Your Eminence, preserves and increases the splendor of your happy motto: *Ab Oriente et Occidente*. May the Most Holy Virgin, Mother of God, receive my confident prayer for you and obtain for you from Her Divine Son every consolation and reward for so much good that you have done, and are doing, over many years. May the Apostolic Blessing be a pledge of the Heavenly protection that I invoke from my heart upon you, Your Eminence, most deserving and beloved Cardinal. From the Vatican, November 20, 1959. IOANNES PP. XXIII To His Eminence, P. CICOGNANI, Most Reverend Monsignor Caietan, Titular Archbishop of the Holy Cecilia, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Eastern Churches, Most Holy Cardinal. Cardinal, I have received with a serene and grateful heart your noble gesture of entrusting to me the office of Pro-Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura. In this way, you have sought to fulfill the aspiration that I expressed to the Cardinals on the occasion of...

[*Latin ed. p. 813*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, number 813, from the Consistory of December 15, 1958, concerning the contribution, namely, to alleviate with the creation of new Cardinals, from the weight and anxieties of grave responsibilities, those Members of the Sacred College, who generously and out of love for the Church had accepted, during the preceding Pontificate, the invitation of the Pope to assume various offices which subsequently became vacant. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am pleased to acknowledge to you, Cardinal, that you have sustained the duties of your Office as Pro-Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal with that serene activity and competence which, indeed, all recognize in you, and you have contributed in an excellent and eminent manner to the proper administration of justice

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by that high body of control, a task which is most arduous, which may sometimes seem dry, but which is nonetheless fundamental to the apostolic ministry. I am equally grateful to assure you once again, Cardinal, of the affectionate interest with which I will continue to follow your valuable work as Prefect of the Sacred Dicastery, which regulates the exercise of Divine Worship and the examination of the Causes of Saints. Truly admirable work, which requires constant dedication, careful study, and much love, especially in those who direct it. It gives me joy to know that this Congregation of Rites has been entrusted to you, Cardinal, whose soul I feel so close to, which in such a profound and vibrant manner scrutinizes, testifies to, and seals the mysterious union that consecrates earth and heaven, the life and survival of the Saints, chosen by God, to the crowning of the unity of the Church militant and triumphant. Once again thanking you and always encouraging you, I invoke upon your diligent zeal, Cardinal, the protection of the Lord, the Virgin, and the Saints, and I impart from my heart to you and to all your Collaborators, a pledge of heavenly help, the Apostolic Blessing. From the Vatican, November 20, 1959. IOANNES PP. XXIII.

[*Latin ed. p. 814*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 814 HOMILY DELIVERED IN THE BASILICA OF ST. PETER BY THE HOLY FATHER, ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS CORONATION, IN THE PRESENCE OF MANY CARDINALS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH, AND MANY SACRED PRELATES, DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMEN, AND THE FAITHFUL. * To our Venerable Brother and beloved sons, The most recent tradition of the Pontifical Mass celebrated on the anniversary of the Pope's Coronation does not prohibit a return to the ancient practice, of which the five discourses of St. Leo the Great, delivered on the anniversary of his ordination and assumption, remain a resounding and moving testimony. Therefore, grant us the liberty to add a few words to complement the sacred rite of today. We are inspired by the introductory notes of the Mass that we heard from our musical chapel: "He hath established peace in the land, and hath made him prince." These initial words are a source of profound emotion. They place before us the divine seal of this "testamentum pacis," this principality, which confers eternal dignity upon our priesthood. Indeed, the liturgical chant immediately transforms into prayer, rising in the name of the immense people to the Lord, to the Lord Jesus, who is "pastor et rector omnium fidelium," as if to emphasize the twofold character of the highest mission reserved to the Successor of St. Peter. What words these are, for those who possess a living faith and a sense of responsibility! From this tomb of the Prince of the Apostles, the gaze extends to the farthest borders of the earth. The number of the faithful appears multiplied, and before the spirit that is exalted, despite so many reasons for anxiety and sorrow, caused by the incessant violence of error and evil, one still sees rise, like

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granite columns, the foundations of the social life of the Church, whose mission begun on earth is the "inchoatio coelestis gloriae." The Church militant, in immediate contact: the Church triumphant, in trembling and confident expectation. "Verbum et exemplum!" Here is marked the path of the Roman Pontiff. * On the 4th of November, in the year 1959. 1 Ecclesiasticus 45, 30.

[*Latin ed. p. 815*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 815: The word, the utterance, is the reflection of the communication of the Son of God to all the sons of men, who have become his brothers through Redemption. The example indicates the configuration of the life and activity of the Divine Shepherd, who penetrates with his illuminating and sanctifying grace all souls. After a year from this heavenly touch, by which the humble servant of God was called – allow us the tenderness of this expression that has become familiar to us – to the office of servant of the servants of the Lord, it is natural for Us, almost discerning the sign from your filial affection, to have the serene confidence that the service of the Shepherd has not faltered: a Shepherd who stands at the door of the fold and counts his sheep one by one, who precedes their path, leads them to pastures and springs, who calls them by name, who does not sleep at night, but watches and keeps vigil, almost sensing in the air the ominous signs of the threatening wolf that advances. The other vision – that of the example – is rather a continuous introspection offered to Our sons, invited to the practice of prayer, vigilance, meekness, the many works of mercy, the living glorification of the Decalogue and the Gospel, the foundations of a life honorable and perfect, of true Christian civilization. That little which the new Pope knows of himself and of his deficiencies certainly does not allow him any personal exaltation, which would be fitting to the proofs of reverence and the universal praise of which he was and continues to be the object. In this regard, referring to the day of his election, Saint Leo the Great could say: "It is necessary to tremble concerning one's merit; yet it is fitting to rejoice in the good attained." It is very natural to tremble concerning one's unworthiness, but Christian prudence allows one to rejoice in the good achieved.

It is alive in Us the sentiment of gratitude to the Lord, and of cordial recognition to Our brothers and sons, who from all parts of the earth, either in person, or through the voice of their Bishops, have come to the threshold of the Apostles, renewing to Us the accent of devout piety with manifestations so exalted, as to make Us believe that Providence reserves for our days the celebration of that *testamentum pacis*, that harmony and inner and outer unity of the Holy Church, as it was outlined by its Divine Founder.

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Ah, beloved brothers and sons! No, we cannot boast.

[*Latin ed. p. 816*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 816, to the glory of God. But if these continued manifestations surrounding Our humble person were not an illusion of self-love, but rather a phenomenon corresponding to the reality of the solemn words with which we began the sacred rite, and if We were truly confronted with the testament of the Lord, which continues to seal the assurance of His presence and assistance to His people, do you not think that it would be the opportune moment to renew our courage, our religious fervor, and our zeal for the exact application of the first divine precept, as the foundation of domestic and social order, for the preparation of the Kingdom of God on earth? During these months, We have had many opportunities in this Basilica and in the Vatican halls, and also in the new buildings of Castelgandolfo, to approach countless crowds, who came to seek the Shepherd in His house, and who followed Him to the countryside, to unite with His spirit in a single elevation. The strongest emotion that seizes Us these days and these hours is the continuous arrival, from almost all the men of state of the entire world, as well as from simple faithful of every age and social class, of auspicious and encouraging expressions. The majesty of your presence, today, for the celebration of the first anniversary of Our introduction to the service of universal pastor, eloquently confirms to Us that we are not victims of illusions: and that the Spirit of truth, of union, of concord, of peace, always hovers over the world and extends over our heads, awakening in us the same prodigy that, at the beginning of time, made the entire universe throb with new life. The word of Christ remains in its stability and integrity: — "These things I have spoken to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you shall have distress. But have confidence. I have overcome the world." No, thanks be to God, the atheistic and materialistic conceptions of life and history will not prevail. This awareness of Ours, open to the highest things, is still echoed by the impressions of the Coronation of last year, which We commemorate. This is a sign of robust and perennial youth. And it is joined with the sentiments of those who, remembering and blessing the name of Pius XI, the indomitable and glorious Pope, immediately turned to the filial and fervent collaboration of his successor. We still hold in our hearts an emotion produced in Us by the response of the crowd to Our question, on October 28th last, on the exact anniversary of Our election.

[*Latin ed. p. 817*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 817 Quae nocte, animas ad divinam orationem Pater noster elevavimus, sicut novam et sollemnem affirmationem programmatis antiqui et semper actualis, quod vitalitatem religionis populi Chris-

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tiani per septem imagines humilium et confidentium petitionum ad Patrem caelestem resumit. Ad nostram interrogationem ad turbam: — Num ergo convenimus? — exsurgit ex toto navi Basilicae et ab absida vibrans et applaudens responsum: sic, sic; omnes convenimus. Venerabiles Fratres et dilecti filii! Sic, ad hoc magnum et sublimum programma, quod Divinus Magister pro mundo toto constituit, dirigitur exercitium magistri et activitatis pastoralis. Nomen Dei benedictum et acclamatum: regnum eius spirituale triumphans in animis et populis: effortus individualis et collectivus sanctificationis, conformiter voluntati Patris caelestis. Hoc est initium: hoc est essentiale: cetera omnia non nobis desistent, quia Deus noster promisit nobis ea dare: panem nostrum cotidianum; remissionem iniuriarum imploratam et meritam pro se, inquantum conceditur fratribus; pacem fraternam omnium gentium; fortitudinem resistentiae nostrae contra malum; et praeservationem ab disordiniis individualibus et socialibus. In initio secundi anni Pontificatus, prospicientes ad alta et renovantes bona proposita cooperationis ad opera Dei intentam ad bona suprema, haec visio, tam consolatoria et tam exortiva oculis et cordibus, semper animas Pastoris et gregis accendere et alere volumus: animas episcopales et sacerdotales in exercitio ministerii mirabilis et saepius heroici: vel in praeparatione ad ministerium in seminariis et collegiis missionariis, quae ut flores huius urbis Romae, iuventutem totius Christianitatis hic repraesentant: animas virginales in exercitio multiplex caritatis: animas pertinentes ad omnia genera socialia, singulas aptas ad maximum suum ad diffundendum doctrinam bonam et ad testificandum perfectam conformitatem sententiae cum Sancta Ecclesia. Accidit huic qui expertus est vitae — iterum dicimus — ut robur accipiat ex consideratione iuventutis Ecclesiae. Non possumus oblivione spectaculum plus quinque centum Missionariorum et Missionariarum, hic convenientium die undecimo Octobris, ad accipiendum Crucem ex manibus Pontificis: manifestatio nova et commovens enthasmi iuvenilis Sanctae Ecclesiae, quae, quamquam adversitates, quae, praeterea, inseparabiles ab omni periodo historiae, procedit confidens et audax.

[*Latin ed. p. 818*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 818, concerning the fulfillment of the precept of its Divine Founder: to teach, to forgive, to heal, to transmit the supernatural life of grace, in preparation for the eternal enjoyment of glory. Venerable Brothers, beloved sons, Taking advantage of this great celebration, We have wished to add Our words to the ceremony. Here We pause. And We invite your voices and your hearts to prayer for Us, who, after the trial of a year, resume Our work in the furrow opened before Us and followed by the fervor of religious and Catholic souls throughout the world. This date of the anniversary of Our Coronation coincides with the liturgical feast of the great teacher of all bishops of the modern and contemporary era, Saint Charles Borromeo. Last year, We wished that his name

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be associated with the ancient litany of the Saints invoked in the ceremony of the Coronation of the new Pope. This year, the memory is more vivid to Us in the precious Relic of the heart of Saint Charles, which has been transferred here from his temple in Rome, and by a singular and happy coincidence, from the presence of the venerable successor of him, the Cardinal Archbishop of Milan, to whom belongs the honor of celebrating this votive Mass today. May the prayer of the entire Catholic Church, gathered here or represented here, contribute to the fulfillment of the designs of the Lord concerning Us and Our life: "ut Deus – the expression is from Saint Leo the Great in his final discourse on the anniversary of his assumption – ut Deus misericordiarum ministerii nostri tempora benignus aspiciat, pastoremque ovium suarum custodire semper dignetur, et pascere." May God of mercy look benignly upon this final stretch of Our pontifical ministry, and may He deign always to protect and nourish the shepherd and the flock.

3 ADDRESSES

I To the group of men who will work to bestow honors upon the distinguished Servant of God, Nicholas Stenon, Bishop.

Beloved Sons, Your presence here, on the day following the solemnities that have just concluded in Florence in honor of Niels Steensen, fills Us with a particular joy. It evokes in Our eyes the figure of...

[*Latin ed. p. 819*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 819: This eminent man, whose science and zeal illuminated both Denmark, his birthplace, and Italy, his adopted homeland, which embraced him in the Catholic faith, and Germany, where he exercised the greater part of his episcopal ministry: three nations dear to Our heart, and which We are pleased to see represented here at this moment, when the completion of the diocesan process allows us to contemplate, under happy auspices, the continuation of the cause of beatification of this great servant of God. You know, as We do, the profound admiration that Our predecessor, the lamented Pope Pius XII, held for Niels Steensen, and the homage he rendered to him on two memorable occasions: in his Radio Message to the First Congress of Catholics of Denmark, on the feast of Pentecost (May 24, 1953), and then, more explicitly, on October 22 of the following year, when he received the Danes who had come to Italy for the recognition and transfer of the remains of their illustrious compatriot at Castel Gandolfo. We share these sentiments entirely. We admire, first of all, in Niels Steensen – Nicolas Sténon, as he is called in French – the eminent scholar, who, with a remarkable scientific rigor for his time, scrutinized the works of God in order to better understand their intimate structure. It is universally recognized that in the fields of anatomy, biology, geology, and crystallography, he was a pioneer, whose ingenious intuitions brought

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lasting, and even definitive, acquisitions to science. But, in the designs of Providence, this was to be only a stage in his earthly journey, a preparation that would lead to even more sublime ascensions. If the light of reason illuminated the first part of his life and enabled him to produce such precious fruits, the brilliant light of the Catholic faith shone in the second, and was, for the consolation and edification of the entire Church, the origin of a harvest even richer and more precious. From the moment that he found in the Catholic Church the fullness of the Christian faith, Sténon thought only of dedicating himself entirely to works of piety and charity. Renouncing his chair of anatomy at the University of Copenhagen, he prepared for the priesthood. And his virtues shone with such brilliance that Our predecessor, the Blessed Innocent XI, when called to appoint an Apostolic Vicar in the northern regions of Europe, almost immediately turned his gaze towards him: he had been a priest for barely two years when he received the episcopal consecration in Rome in 1677. He who conferred it upon him was one of the person-

[*Latin ed. p. 820*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See – Official Commentary 820, mentions the most eminent members of the Roman Curia, and We are pleased to mention, in passing, another great figure, who is familiar to Us: that of Cardinal Gregory Barbarigo, former Bishop of Bergamo and Padua, and a model for prelates of that time, who was united to Nicolas Sténon by bonds of esteem and friendship. You know, as We do, what the life of the new Bishop was like during the nine years he had left to spend on earth: a life of poverty, mortification, and countless physical and moral sufferings. However, We would like to highlight a characteristic that We believe is both very relevant and very characteristic of the apostolate of Nicolas Sténon: his zeal for bringing non-Catholics back to the Church. Having himself traversed the arduous path that led him to the heart of the Church of Jesus Christ, he was tormented by a true inner anguish at the thought of the many souls – especially those of his compatriots – who were deprived of the fullness of Revelation, and he burned with a fervent desire to lead them on the path of truth. He would willingly have repeated the words of Saint Paul: *Tristitia mihi magna est et continuus dolor cordi meo: optabam enim ego ipse anathema esse a Christo pro fratribus meis!* – "I have great sorrow and continual pain in my heart: for I myself wish to be anathema, separated from Christ, for my brethren!" This sentiment was the source of tireless activity, marked by two characteristics that are recognized in true sons of the Church: an inviolable attachment to all points of revealed doctrine, and great respect and affectionate charity towards those who do not share our convictions. It is through these methods that the Holy Church, today as in the time of Nicolas Sténon, works to bring back to the fold of Jesus Christ all its sheep. You know that this is one of the main concerns of Our

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Pontificate, and an effort in which We rely on the cooperation of all Our sons, and especially those who, like Nicolas Sténon and like yourselves, live in contact with our separated brethren. May you, in the example of this admirable man, draw new fervor for the service of this great cause! This is the wish We express before God at the conclusion of this brief recollection, as We grant to you all, and first to Our Venerable Brother, Most Reverend Helmut Hermann Wittlér, the devoted Bishop of Osnabrück, to Our other Venerable Brothers present here, and to the various religious and civil authorities, a wide Apostolic Blessing. 1 Romans 9, 2.

[*Latin ed. p. 821*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 821, II, concerning those who attended the second Italian Convention, "For the Civilization of Labor." * We are pleased to receive, in particular, the Knights of Labor, the Masters of Labor of Italy, and the Senior Workers of Companies. Beloved sons! You have come to Rome with the purpose of contributing your studies and experiences to the deepening of an important and spiritually enriching theme: "Education for sociality in labor." The program that you sent us, with the index of the lessons treated during these days, has shown us that your Convention was elevated, noble, and serious, and from which – and we sincerely wish it – new sources of beautiful energies will arise for your activities. And it is consoling for Us to receive you at the conclusion of your work, and to respond to your amiable request for a generous and propitious blessing. In this gesture, you have revealed an orientation of faith, and a confirmation of that purpose which leads you to seek spiritual things before and above all else. Indeed, we have read with satisfaction in your statutes that you wish to work "to elevate in society and in the work environment the moral value of collaborative effort"; that you wish to offer "your contribution of experience and conscious balance for the resolution of social problems and for the fostering of brotherhood among all participants... in the productive process"; that you seek to "promote the increase of human relationships within the company, so that each participant may find in it the greatest opportunity to expand the richness of their personality." These words are a program for the continuous elevation of the world of labor, and the indispensable condition for creating in it forms of life that are ever more serene and noble, in industrious fraternity and effective collaboration: without which it is impossible to arrive at a truly Christian conception of human labor, by which it leads the redeemed person to an ever clearer awareness of their responsibility and, together, of their dignity. We must thank the Lord for the beneficial transformations that, through so many joint efforts, have been accomplished in this field. On October 17th, of the year 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 822*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See - Commentary 822. Our Predecessor, the

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venerable Pope Leo XIII, of blessed memory, wrote the memorable encyclical *Rerum Novarum*. A painful spectacle lay before his eyes, and those pages still sound a stern warning against those who trample upon the most sacred rights of the human person. Now, the reality has greatly improved, and Our frequent meetings with representatives of various categories of workers, and of associations of workers, are always a new occasion for true satisfaction. Your own assembly today affirms this. You make labor an instrument of moral perfection and of fraternal collaboration between managers and workers, mindful of divine teaching and the social doctrine of the Church. Many years of diligent application have earned several of you valuable recognition, for which We also congratulate you. Now, returning to daily affairs, know that you should incessantly strive to spread good, exercising justice, equity, and charity, and also transform your works into abundant merits for eternity. For this purpose, We recommend the practice of Christian virtues, without which every human effort remains incomplete and fruitless: and especially the practice of works of mercy, the spirit of sacrifice, and a good example. And, above all, let prayer be your breath and your sustenance, according to the saying of St. Benedict of Nursia: "Ora et labora" [Pray and work], with the understanding that human activities, even the most elevated and praiseworthy, do not end in a worldly horizon, but tend towards the City of God. And by doing so, you will acquire "treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" - Matthew 6:20. Then, labors will come to an end, and each one will receive from God the just reward, according to what he has accomplished on earth, with truth and righteousness. We invoke upon each of you, upon your distant colleagues, and upon your beloved families, the abundance of divine favors; and as a pledge of these, and also as a confirmation of Our benevolence, We are pleased to impart to you wholeheartedly the Apostolic Blessing.

III. To the Prelates, Auditors, and other Officials, Advocates, and Procurators of the Sacred Roman Rota Tribunal. The Inauguration of the Judicial Year of the Tribunal of the Sacred Roman Rota offers us this morning the satisfaction of receiving its esteemed college of Prelate Auditors, all the Officials, and the Advocates.

* October 19, 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 823*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII 823: Post confidentem orationem ad Spiritum Paraclitum, ut dona divinae gratiae super multitudinem sollicitudinum anni novi impetrarentur. Filii carissimi! Litterae quae paulo ante lectae sunt, nobis etiam propter simplicitatem earum gratae sunt, quae convenit illis qui, pondus verbis tribuentes, ad singula magnae momenti assignant. Ipse factum quod celebrationem specialem quinquagenarii operis Tribunalis non quaesiveritis, ab edicta Sapientis Concilii Sancti Pii X, – quod aliter amplis-

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sime iustificatum esset – est index spiritus reservati, qui Institutioni et membris eius honorem tribuit. Gaudeo quod ex historia saeculari Tribunalis vestri – et Relatio quae nobis praesentata est, hoc feliciter sublineat – ut ipse praecipuus noster predecessor, Ioannes XXII, vobis signa summi fiduciae dedit. Nam ipse curam specialem collegio Capellanorum Papae et Auditorum causarum sacri palatii apostolici, cuius nobile ministerium in dignitatibus et officiis vestris perpetratur, demonstrabat. Anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo trigesimo uno, quando ille Pontifex Maximus Rationem iuris dictavit, plenae autonomiae illi coeptioni sacerdotum iuristarum, heredibus antiquae sapientiae romanae et tutoribus iustitiae christiana, concedit, autonomia quae bene conveniebat cum delicatiore officiorum, quae illis committuntur. Post hanc distinctionem, ipsi etiam absente Papa iudicia tenebant, auxiliares et notarios habebant, et tunc novam et perfectam organizationem, cum speciali regulamine et propria sede, receperunt. Hoc particularis, de quo gaudetis, et quod memoravimus propter amabilem convenientiam ad quam alludit, coniungitur cum omnibus testimentis affectus, quos Romani Pontifices vobis demonstrarunt, per cursum variorum saeculorum: ab eodem Sancto Pio X, qui Sacram Romanam Rotam definitive ordinavit, statutumque eius modum procedendi, usque ad Pium XI, de veneranda memoria, cuius novem orationes, occasione inaugurationis totidem Annorum Iudiciorum, monumentum verae sapientiae et altae doctrinae constituunt. Ideo volumus haec testimonia affectus Nostrorum praedecessorum coronare, vobis Nostrum paternum plausum et considerationem pro opere quod exercitis, exprimendo. Cum de carissimis filiis cogitamus, qui in toto organismo Curiae Romanae ad ministerium Sedi Apostolicae se dedunt, sensus satisfactionis, et, dicimus etiam, tranquillitatis et securitatis, nos pervadit, quia scimus eos esse validos collaboratores operis Nostri cotidianorum. Hoc nostrum sentimentum vobis transmittere volumus, qui estis unus ex Tribunalis altissimae praestantiae.

[*Latin ed. p. 824*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 824: A prestigious and influential institution, to which the Catholic world turns. The importance of the Sacred Roman Rota is evident not only from its history, but also from the volume of work it undertakes each year; from the monumental collections of its decisions, which offer material for study to scholars, and a sure standard of wisdom and procedure to other tribunals; and from the current flourishing of the Rotale Studies, which forms and prepares an ever-increasing number of young priests and graduates in canon law, a joyful hope for the future. What characterizes your work is your dedication to the cause of justice. You have been called by Providence to work for it and to defend it, to discover it and to make it triumph, without regard for elements extraneous to it, such as the wealth, authority, or reputation of the parties involved: imitating in this the supreme equity of God, who is just and

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merciful, before Whom there is no partiality. 1 It is a great merit to work for the triumph of a virtue that encompasses all others, and almost completes them for the common good; and this was expressed by the very pagan thinkers, according to the felicitous synthesis of Lactantius: "Indeed, many philosophers... have said much about justice, asserting and extolling it as the highest virtue, because it gives to each what is due, because it preserves equity in all things; and while other virtues are almost silent and contained within, justice alone is... entirely manifested outwardly, and is inclined to do good, so that it may benefit as many as possible." And this is your motto: to benefit as many as possible, to do good to as many as you can, seeking to do good, and ensuring that rights and duties are mutually respected. Dear sons! You have wished to make us aware, through a sober and effective report, of the number and complexity of the cases that you have handled in the past year. Now, among the many tasks that you undertake, the work you perform in defense of the most sacred of human bonds – marriage – excels above all others. With a felicitous definition, Our Predecessor, Pope Pius XI, in one of his first addresses to you, said that "the Sacred Roman Rota has the glory of being the Tribunal of the Christian family, humble or noble, rich or poor, in which justice enters to make the divine law triumph in the conjugal union, as a defender of the bond." 1 Romans 2:11. 2 Lact. Epit. 50 (55), 5 s.

[*Latin ed. p. 825*]

"Acts of Pope John XXIII, 825: concerning the indissolubility [of marriage], the full freedom of consent within the unity of life, and the sanctity of the sacrament."

"It is most fitting that you diligently and prudently fulfill this delicate task as guardians of the sanctity and indissolubility of marriage, defending it from the subtle attacks of hedonistic egoism; and that, at the same time, you be the protectors of the sacred rights of the human person, when you recognize and declare, after a long and thorough examination, the invalidity, that is, the non-existence, of the conjugal bond. Continue therefore, beloved sons, on the path that has been marked for you, illuminated by the reflections of a glorious history, and by the merits of a ministry so useful to the Church. We offer you our paternal wishes that the Judicial Year, begun at the Altar, may be rich in holy satisfactions for you, and may further increase the renown of the Sacred Roman Rota, in which you expend your energies. May the Lord, whose eternal Wisdom 'dwells in counsel, and is present to wise thoughts... and loves those who love her,' illuminate your minds, protect your studies, and fructify your efforts, so that from your united work may flow a never-ceasing source of good and spiritual benefit to the entire Church. As a pledge of the heavenly gifts invoked, and in full and renewed confirmation of the benevolence with which we accompany you, we are pleased to impart to each of you, and to all those dear to you

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in the Lord, the propitious Apostolic Blessing."

"Speeches and Radio Messages, (1940-41), p. 235. Proverbs 8:12, 17."

[*Latin ed. p. 826*]

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[*Latin ed. p. 827*]

The Sacred Congregational Congregation, number 827 – and therefore, also the then-existing Ordinary – may forever be called and shall be the Galveston-Houstonian. For all these matters to be carried out, the Most Holy Lord Köster has deemed it fitting to appoint the aforementioned Most Reverend Father Giles Vagnozzi, granting him the necessary and appropriate powers, including the power to delegate, to any man established in ecclesiastical dignity, the task of submitting to the Holy Congregation a true copy of the executed act as soon as possible. All contrary opinions to the contrary notwithstanding. Given in Rome,

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from the offices of the Sacred Congregational Congregation, on the 25th day of the month of July, in the year 1959. Cardinal Mimmi, Bishop of Sabina and Mandelia, and Joseph Ferretto, Archbishop of Serdica, Secretary, Assistants. CLAVARENSIS AND LIPENSIS, OR SPEDIENSIS, SARZANENSIS AND BRUGNATENSIS, AND APUAN, AND ENSIS: DECREE CONCERNING THE ALTERATION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF DIOCESES. For the better consideration of the salvation of souls, it has been requested by the Apostolic See that the territorial boundaries of the dioceses of Clavarensis, Lunensis, or Spediensis, Sarzanensis, and Brugnatensis, and Apuaniensis be somewhat altered. Furthermore, Our Most Holy Lord John, by Divine Providence, Pope XXIII, having considered the expediency of the matter, with the advice of the aforementioned Cardinal of the Sacred Congregational Congregation, Secretary, with the consent of the Ordinaries of Clavarensis, Lunensis, or Spediensis, Sarzanensis, and Brugnatensis, and Apuaniensis, having offered prayers, deemed it fitting to approve. Therefore, by the force of this Congregational Decree, which shall be valid as if it were Apostolic Letters sealed with the lead seal, with the consent of those who are interested or are presumed to be interested, the following is decreed: 1) From the diocese of Clavarensis, the parishes of: St. Lawrence...

[*Latin ed. p. 828*]

828 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary: Carro, together with the place of Cerreta, the church of Saint Felicity in Carrodano inferiore, Saint Bartholomew in Carrodano superiore, Saint George in Castello, Saint John the Baptist in Mattarana, Saint Joseph in Pera, the churches of the Most Holy Name of Mary in Ziona, Saint Lawrence in Castagnola, Saint Anthony in Deiva, Saint Martin in Framura, Saint Michael the Archangel in Mezzema, the churches of the Blessed Virgin Mary Assumed into Heaven and Saint Anne in Piazza, Saint Bartholomew in Chiama, Saint Lawrence in Campore, the church of the Blessed Virgin Mary Assumed into Heaven in Lagorara, Saint Bartholomew in Maissana, Saint Bartholomew in Tavarone, Saint Lawrence in Caranza, Saint Bartholomew in Cassego, Saint Martin in Cembrano, the church of the Blessed Virgin Mary Assumed into Heaven in Codivara, Saint Peter in Comuneglia, Saint Michael the Archangel in O ssegna, Saint Michael the Archangel in Porciorasco, Saint Lawrence in Scurtabò, Saint Bernard in Taglieto, Saint Anne in Valletti, Saint Peter in Vara, Saint John the Baptist in Varese Ligure, Saint Lawrence in Porto Venere, together with the three islands of Palmaria, Tino, and Tinello, and with the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Alba (Madonna Bianca), shall be united to the diocese of Spedi, with the boundaries of both dioceses being altered accordingly.

2) Likewise, from the diocese of Chiavari, the parish of Saint Andrew the Apostle in I/Ago, together with the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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of Roverano, shall be separated and added to the diocese of Brugnato, with the boundaries of both dioceses being altered accordingly.

3) From the diocese of Brugnato, the following parishes shall be separated: Saint Lawrence in Arzeno, the church of the Assumption of Mary and Saint Michael in N ascio, Saint Apollinaris in Repia, Saint Bartholomew in Statale, the church of Mary of Nazareth, Saint Anthony, Saint Margaret "of Fossa Lupara," Saint Paul "of Pila in Gromolo," Saint Stephen "del Ponte," Saint Peter the Apostle "in Riva," Saint Sabina "in Trigoso," Saint Bartholomew "della Ginestra," Saint Bernard "delle Cascine," all of which are located in the city of Sestri Levante, in addition to the parishes of Saint Michael the Archangel in Casar za Ligure, Saint Lawrence in Verici, Saint Peter the Apostle in Barassi, Saints Roch and Cajetan in Campegli, and shall be added to the diocese of Chiavari, with the boundaries of both dioceses being altered accordingly.

4) From the diocese of Apuana, the following parishes shall be separated: Saint Justine in Rocchetta Vara, Saint John the Baptist in Beverone, Saint Anne in Carbugliaga, Saint Martin in Cavanella Vara, Saint John the Baptist in Stadomelli, Saint John the Baptist in S uvero, the church of the Assumption of Mary in Calice al Cornoviglio, the church of Mary in Calice, Saint John the Evangelist in Bor seda, the church of the Holy Cross in Bruscarolo, Saints Nicholas and Margaret in Madrignano, the church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel in Veppo, and shall be united to the diocese of Brugnato, with the boundaries of both dioceses being altered accordingly.

5) Likewise, the Most Holy Lord Our Pope, revoking the Consistorial Decree "Cum postulatum fuerit" of February 5, 1955 (A. A. S. 17 [1955]

[*Latin ed. p. 829*]

The Sacred Congregation Consistorialis (829, page 518) has benignly decreed that the territory of the parishes of Saint Nicholas in the district of Caprigliola and Saint Martin in the district of Albiano Magra, which are currently under the Diocese of Spezia, shall be separated from that diocese and assigned to the Diocese of Apuia, with the boundaries of both dioceses being altered accordingly. Furthermore, His Holiness has decreed that, along with the territories of the parishes, the churches, chapels, houses, and cemeteries belonging to the parishes, as well as pious foundations and any other ecclesiastical property in any way pertaining to the aforementioned parishes or churches, shall be included. Moreover, it is ordered that, with these boundaries of the dioceses being altered, the documents and records pertaining to each of the aforementioned parishes shall be transferred from the curia to which they currently belong to the curia of the diocese to which each parish is now attached; and with regard to the clergy, it is decreed that, as soon as the present Decree has been put into effect, priests shall be considered to belong to that diocese in whose territory they legitimately

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hold a benefice or office; while other clerics who are incardinated in that diocese shall remain incardinated in the diocese in whose territory they legitimately have their domicile. To carry out these matters, the Most Holy Lord has deigned to appoint the Most Reverend and Venerable Monsignor Joseph, Cardinal Siri, Archbishop of Genoa, granting him the necessary and appropriate powers, including the power to delegate, to any person holding an ecclesiastical office, to carry out the aforementioned purpose, and to send, as soon as possible, to the Sacred Congregation Consistorialis, an authentic copy of the act of execution. All contrary provisions notwithstanding. Given at Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Congregation Consistorialis, on the 26th of July, in the year 1959.

[Signature] MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI, Bishop of Sabina and Monden, Secretary.

[Signature] L. S. Joseph Ferretto, Archbishop of Serdica, Assessor III.

NOMINATION: By Decree dated the 9th of October of the year 1959, the Sacred Congregation Consistorialis has nominated the Reverend Father Francis Xavier Gillmore Stock as the Vicar of Castrum Chiliae.

[*Latin ed. p. 830*]

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SACRED CONGREGATION FOR RITES

DECREE OF CONFIRMATION OF THE CULT OF THE SERVANT OF GOD, HERMANN JOSEPH, BLESSED OR SAINT, PRIEST OF THE ORDER OF PRÉMONTRÉ, PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION.

In these our times, when many, burdened by the anxieties of worldly affairs, suffer from neglect of heavenly truths and the eternal life to be attained, nothing seems more fitting to stir their souls than to present before all the world examples of outstanding virtue. For never has the Catholic Church lacked those who have bravely attained the summit of sanctity, and who have been placed, as it were, upon a candlestick, so that they may show the way of salvation to others. Among these heroes of Christian virtue, the Servant of God, Hermann Joseph, a priest of the Order of Prémontré, Blessed or Saint, rightly merits a place, who, as a pious minister of God, has, until this very day, been known throughout the lands of Germany, adorned with abundant virtues and distinguished by a most tender love for the Most Blessed Virgin Mary.

Born in Cologne at the close of the twelfth century, he, in his youth, spurning the world and despising earthly things, embraced the rule of the Order of Prémontré, and day by day ascended to the heights of sanctity. In his old age, having attained great virtue, in the monastery of the Cistercian nuns of Hoven, where he ministered to the sacred rites, he passed away in the middle of the thirteenth century. The fame of his sanctity, and

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also of miracles, grew wonderfully from that time on, and his tomb in the monastery of Steinfeld became glorious. Moreover, a public cult has been paid to him from time immemorial, which has persevered until now. In his honor, a church was dedicated in the city of Ubbergen in the year 1339, and the liturgical Office and Mass, which had long been granted to the Prémontrés, were approved by the Apostolic See in the year 1728. On the 7th of April of the same year, in the church of Saint Norbert in the city, Pope Benedict XIII dedicated an altar to this Servant of God, in which he exposed the sacred relics.

[*Latin ed. p. 831*]

The Sacred Congregation of Rites, number 831, has decreed. However, this type of cult has never been legally confirmed, although he was called Blessed or Saint, and has enjoyed the rights of the Saints according to liturgical norms. Therefore, the Archbishops of all of Germany, and of many other nations, the Superiors of Religious Orders, and also many most distinguished men, with the joyful agreement of the Venerable and Canonical Order of Prémontré, have humbly petitioned the Apostolic See for the canonization equivalent to the Servant of God Hermann Joseph. Regarding this matter, and with all legal requirements observed, the Sacred Congregation of Rites, through its Historical Section, diligently prepared a report on the life, virtues, and cult of the Servant of God Hermann Joseph. Therefore, on June 24, 1958, in the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican, an ordinary meeting of the Sacred Congregation of Rites was held, at which I and the Reverend Lord Clemens Cardinal Micara, Bishop of Velletri, the aforementioned Servant of God's Promoter of the Cause or Relator, proposed for discussion the life, virtues, and cult of Hermann Joseph, called Blessed or Saint. And I and the Reverend Fathers entrusted with the sacred rites, after the report of the aforementioned Promoter, and after hearing also the official Prelates, especially the Reverend Father, Promoter of the Faith General, after mature deliberation, each expressed his vote. Finally, the aforementioned matters were reported to our Most Holy Lord Pope Pius XII by the undersigned Cardinal Prefect of the Sacred Congregation, and His Holiness, having carefully considered the matter, and approving the opinion of the Fathers of the College, has deigned to benignly confirm the cult rendered to the Blessed Hermann Joseph, now called Saint, from time immemorial, and, granting a dispensation from the triple legal investigation regarding the virtues in the heroic degree, according to canon 2102 of the Code of Canon Law, concerning the heroic nature of those virtues, in the case and for the purpose in question, has decreed that they are established. Notwithstanding any objections to the contrary. August 11, 1958. C. Card. CICOGNANI, Prefect.

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[*Latin ed. p. 832*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 1832. ACTS OF THE SACRED PENITENTIARY TRIBUNALS. APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY (OFFICE OF INDULGENCES). PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE HAPPY OUTCOME OF THE ECUMENICAL COUNCIL. O Holy Spirit, who, sent by the Father in the name of Jesus, are present with the Church and infallibly govern it, we beseech You, benignly pour forth the fullness of Your gifts upon the Ecumenical Council. Sweet Master and Consoler, enlighten the minds of our sacred Prelates, who, having readily obeyed the Supreme Roman Pontiff, will celebrate the sessions of the most holy Synod. May abundant fruits mature from this Council; may the light and strength of the Gospel be more and more spread throughout human society; may the Catholic religion flourish with increased vigor, and may the active works of missionaries prosper; and may all this happen happily, so that the knowledge of the doctrine of the Church may be brought to fuller perfection, and that Christian morals may attain a salutary advancement. O sweet Guest of the soul, firmly establish our minds in truth, and prepare our hearts to obey, so that whatever is established in the Council may be received with sincere obedience and with eager willingness. We also pray for those sheep who are not yet of the one fold of Jesus Christ, that they too, as they glory in the name of Christian, may at last attain unity under the guidance of one Shepherd. Renew in this our age Your wonders, as if through a new Pentecost, and grant to the Holy Church, that with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, persevering unanimously and earnestly in prayer, and also guided by the Blessed Peter, she may extend the kingdom of the divine Savior, the kingdom of truth and justice, the kingdom of love and peace. Amen. On September 23, 1959, the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary, by virtue of the faculties granted to it by the Most Holy Pope John XXIII, benignly grants the following Indulgences: 1) A partial indulgence of ten years, to be gained by the faithful who, with at least contrite heart, have recited the aforementioned prayer devoutly; 2) A plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, to be obtained once a month by those who, with a pious mind, persevere daily throughout the entire month in reciting the same prayer. Contrary impediments do not hinder. N. Card. CANALI, Major Penitentiary. L. © S. S. de Angelis, Substitute.

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THE APOSTOLIC SEE: ON THE MATTER OF CATHOLIC MISSIONS. FORTY YEARS HAVING NOW PASSED SINCE THE APOSTOLIC LETTER "MAXIMUM ILLUD" WAS ISSUED BY POPE BENEDICT XV.

JOHN XXIII, TO THE VENERABLE BROTHERS, GREETINGS AND APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION.

"The Prince of Pastors" 1, from whom we acknowledge and to whom we, that is, the entire flock of God 2, everywhere on earth, are entrusted to be fed and guided, has willed that we should dedicate ourselves to this task. Therefore, aware of our own humility, but trusting in the most powerful aid of His grace, we respond to this sweet invitation of charity, and the greatness, beauty, and importance of Catholic Missions have deeply impressed themselves upon our mind; therefore, we have never ceased to devote to them our most earnest attention and care. And at the very beginning of the year, since we were relieved of the triple tiara, in the homily delivered on that joyous occasion, we said:

1 1 Peter 5:4: "And when the prince of pastors shall appear, you shall receive a never fading crown of glory."

2 Cf. JOHN XXI, 15-17.

3 Cf. Homily delivered on the day of the Coronation; A.A.S., VIII, p. 886.

[*Latin ed. p. 834*]

From the Acts of the Apostolic See, 834, we recount the event of that day, on the fifth day before the Kalends of October, when more than five hundred heralds of the Gospel had gathered in the Most Holy Vatican Basilica, to receive from Our hands the images of Jesus Christ crucified, before setting out for distant lands to spread the light of Christianity. To accomplish this purpose, the Provident God, with His secret and loving counsel, willed that from Our youthful years, Our priestly ministry be directed towards this end; for scarcely had the first great conflagration of war affecting many nations of the world been extinguished, when Our Predecessor of pious memory, Benedict XV, called Us from Our diocese to Rome, to contribute Our efforts to the "Pontifical Work for the Propagation of the Faith"; which We did most gladly for four years of Our priestly life. And a pleasing memory comes to Our mind of that day of Pentecost, when, in the year 1922, in the third year of the Sacred Council for the Propagation of the Faith, to which a special task was entrusted, namely, to bring the light of the Gospel and heavenly gifts to the farthest ends of the earth, it was most pleasing to Us to participate in such secular celebrations. At the same time, Our other Predecessor of immortal memory, Pius XI, encouraged Us in the duties and endeavors of the heralds of the Gospel, with his words and example, when, before the College of Cardinals Fathers convened in Conclave, as it is said, in which he himself, guided by the Divine Spirit,

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was elected Successor of the Blessed Peter, He affirmed before Us: "We can expect nothing greater, nothing more important, nothing more useful from the new Vicar of Jesus Christ, than these two most important things: namely, that he strive to spread the evangelical doctrine among all nations, and that he bring peace and confirm it among the peoples under the true name."

While these pleasant memories and other things come to Our mind, We are not unmindful of the grave duties...

[*Latin ed. p. 835*]

We desire, Venerable Brothers, seizing the opportunity presented by that memorable Apostolic Letter, which begins with those very words, "Maximum illud," and by which, forty years ago, Our Predecessor, the pious Pope Benedict XV, most effectively promoted the cause of the Catholic Missions, establishing new norms and inspiring the faithful with renewed zeal, to speak with you, through these letters, with paternal affection, concerning the necessity and the promotion of the Kingdom of God in those many regions where the heralds of the Gospel toil, sparing no effort to ensure that the new shoots of the Church may flourish and bear fruitful results. On this very matter, Our Predecessors, the blessed Popes Pius XI and Pius XII, also issued opportune norms and gave appropriate exhortations, which We Ourselves, when We published Our first Encyclical Letters, inscribed "Ad Petri Cathedram," confirmed with equal authority and equal charity. However, We believe and are certain that we shall never be able to do enough to bring about the wishes of the Divine Redeemer in this regard, and therefore, under the guidance of one Shepherd, may all the sheep be happily gathered into one fold.

As We turn Our mind and heart to those things that pertain to the heavenly and celestial realms, namely, the imparting of the Church's benefits to those peoples to whom the light of the Gospel has not yet fully shone, Our eyes behold many regions in which either abundant harvests are ripening, or the vines of God's workers are subject to very difficult and arduous labors, or, finally, the enemies of God and of Jesus Christ harass and scatter the Christian communities, and suffocate the seed of the Word of God.

[*Latin ed. p. 836*]

Acta 836 Apostolicae Sedis - The official commentary is published, and all care is taken. Everywhere, the necessity urges Us, to provide for the eternal salvation of souls in the most suitable way possible; and from all sides, that plea reaches Our ears: "Help us."

Therefore, We desire to honor with Our praises those countless regions which have already been cultivated by the heralds of the Gospel, who have arisen "Now there were dwelling at Jerusalem, Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven," 11 through their apostolic toil, and sometimes

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even their own blood, and in which, by the grace of God, native apostles also flourish and bear salutary fruit, like new seedlings; We desire to spur them on with Our encouragement, to follow them with Our charity; and to impart to them the norms, precepts, and admonitions which are nourished by the firmest hope, which are joined to the promises of the Divine Master, contained in these words: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world." 12 "These things I have spoken to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you shall have distress. But have confidence. I have overcome the world." 13

When, for the first time, that immense and prolonged war of many nations of the entire world finally subsided, which had brought great grief, devastation, and sorrow to so many citizens and nations, then 14 the Apostolic Letter of Benedict XV, which We mentioned, like a raised invitation of a paternal voice, stirred the hearts of all Catholics to expand the Kingdom of God among all nations; the Kingdom of God, which alone can bestow true and lasting peace and prosperity upon all men, the children of the heavenly Father, and secure it for them. From that time, for forty years, the active works and endeavors of the heralds of the Gospel have flourished daily more and more.

10 Act. Ap. X V I , 9.

11 Ibid.

12 Il, MATTH. IOAN. 5. XXVIII.

13 Ibid. XVI.

14 "Cfr. A. A. 20. 33. 8., X I , 1919, p. 440 sq.

[*Latin ed. p. 837*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 83, and earlier documents had indicated this; and it especially happened that the Hierarchy and clergy, originating from regions entrusted to the missions, experienced greater and greater growth. Indeed, as our most esteemed predecessor, Pope Pius XII, expressed it, "the heralds of the Gospel must strive for that ultimate goal – which should always be kept before their minds – namely, that the Church be firmly established among other peoples, and that a Hierarchy, chosen from among the natives themselves, be granted to them." Therefore, this Apostolic See has always, and especially in these recent times, diligently consulted on this matter, seeking to establish or restore the ecclesiastical Hierarchy in those regions where circumstances suggested the founding of episcopal sees, and, if possible, to entrust their governance to prelates born in those same regions. Moreover, no one is unaware that the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith is particularly dedicated to this very purpose. However, it must be acknowledged that a serious

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and pressing matter was brought to light through the aforementioned Apostolic Letter, in which our most blessed predecessor, Pope Benedict XV, urged all those who led Catholic missions with the utmost zeal, that those who, inspired by a divine calling, had been called to the priesthood in regions where the doctrine of the Gospel was being cultivated, should be most diligently trained, so that the number and virtue of the indigenous clergy might increase. Although this term, "indigenous," signifies nothing offensive, nor any difference, since it is never used by the Roman Pontiffs, nor in ecclesiastical documents, in a way that implies any distinction. This exhortation of Benedict XV, which our predecessors, Pope Pius XI and Pope Pius XII, repeated, has, with the favor of the Most Provident God, produced clear and abundant fruits; therefore, we desire that you, together with us, give eternal thanks to God, for [reference to a letter, *Litt. Enc. Evangelii praecones*; A. A. 8., LIII, X 1951, p. 507].

[*Latin ed. p. 838*]

From the Acts of the Apostolic See, 838, a noteworthy account has arisen: numerous and esteemed gatherings of Bishops and priests have emerged in the lands cultivated by missionaries, who, most beloved brothers and sons, have stirred our spirit to hope well. Indeed, if we but rationally examine the ecclesiastical condition of those regions entrusted to the care of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, excluding those presently beset by difficulties, we observe with great consolation that the first Bishop of Asian origin was ordained in 1923, and the first Apostolic Vicars from the African race were chosen in 1939; by the year 1959, sixty-eight Bishops of Asian origin, and twenty-five from the African peoples, were counted; furthermore, the native clergy, which in 1918 numbered 109 priests, had, in Asia, reached the number of five thousand five hundred and fifty-three ministers in 1957, while the priests in Africa, who in 1918 numbered ninety, had by 1957 reached the number of one thousand eight hundred and eleven. The Lord, in a manner worthy of the labors and merits of these men, has wished to bestow a fitting reward upon this remarkable increase in the clergy, whether through the individual efforts of each, or through the manifold assistance provided by the Catholic Missions, who, responding with generous spirit to the repeated norms of this Apostolic See, have diligently aided. Therefore, our most blessed predecessor, Pope Pius XII, could rightly and deservedly declare, with no small joy: "Formerly, those things which pertain to the life of the Church, as far as they are evident, flourished especially in the regions of old Europe; then, as a most abundant river, they flowed through other lands, which, if we use the Greek term, seemed to be the periphery of the world; but today, this same life of the Church, through a certain mutual exchange of strength, is communicated to each member of the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ. In

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many regions of the continents, moreover..."

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"The acts of John Paul XXIII, 839, state: 'For a long time, the people have been demanding that missionaries attend to the cultivation and governance of these communities, but they are governed by their own hierarchy, enjoy their own ecclesiastical order, and readily contribute spiritual and material gifts to other communities of the Church, from which they already receive almost everything.' Indeed, we earnestly urge the bishops and clergy of these, even new, Christian communities, to offer fervent prayers to God, and to conduct themselves in such a way that the priestly office entrusted to them may flourish with spiritual fruitfulness, and that, when they speak to the people, they may frequently speak of the dignity, beauty, necessity, and merits of the priestly office; so that they may encourage those whom God has called to such a high honor to embrace it readily and with great enthusiasm. And let them ensure that the prayers of those who are entrusted with their care are also brought to God for this purpose, together with the entire Church, which, in response to the exhortations of the Divine Redeemer, prays, 'Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth labourers into his harvest,' especially in these times, when 'Then he saith to his disciples, The harvest indeed is great, but the labourers are few.'

1 7 1 8 1 9 However, Christian communities to which missionaries still provide their services, although already governed by their own hierarchy, certainly still need the help of those who have come from other nations for this purpose, whether because of the vastness of the territory, or because of the increasing number of the faithful, or finally, because of the large number of those who have not yet been instructed in the doctrine of the Gospel. To them, without a doubt, the following words of our predecessor can be applied: 'They are certainly not to be called strangers, since every Catholic priest, faithfully persevering in the exercise of his office, considers himself to be in his own homeland wherever the Kingdom of God flourishes or begins.'

2 0 17 Cf. The radio message of Pius XII, delivered on Christmas Day, 1946, A.A. 8, XXXVIII, 1946, 18 X, 1 LTJC, p. 542. p. 20. 2. Ibid. Letter of Pius XII to Cardinal Adeodato Piazza, A.A. 8, XLVII, 1955."

[*Latin ed. p. 840*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 840. Therefore, let all work together, united and in harmony by the sincere bond of fraternal charity, which should reflect love towards the Divine Redeemer and His Church; and let them readily and cheerfully obey the Bishops, "Take heed to yourselves and to the whole flock, wherein the Holy Ghost hath placed you bishops, to rule the Church of God which he hath purchased with his own

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blood," 1 so that they may be "And the multitude of believers had but one heart and one soul. Neither did any one say that aught of the things which he possessed was his own," 2 always giving thanks to one another for the help rendered; thus, so that it may be evident to all that they are truly the disciples who have been exhorted to preserve and increase mutual charity, as it were, their "And no man putteth new wine into old bottles." 3

II. Our Blessed Predecessor, Benedict XV, in the Apostolic Letter which begins with the words *Maximum illud*, particularly urged the directors of Catholic missions to ensure that clerics, chosen from the local people, have their minds and hearts so formed and conformed that their institution and education would be "perfect and complete in every respect." 4 "For," as he himself wrote, "a priest who is native to the place, because he is connected with his people by birth, character, feelings, and studies, is of great value in implanting the Faith in their minds: for he knows much better than anyone else how to persuade them in every way." 5 In this matter, it is scarcely necessary to recall that the perfect and complete institution and education of priests must aim to encourage sacred students to strive diligently and suavely for those virtues which are most essential to the priestly office, "that is, to their own office."

1 Acts 20:28

2 Ibid., 4:32

3 Cf. JOHN 13:34; 15:12

4 A.A., X, 1919, p. 445

5 Ibid.

[*Latin ed. p. 841*]

"Acta Ioannis procurandae sanctitatis," 26 pp. XXIII, 841. "Sed clero novarum illarum regionum hoc est debere, pro hac causa, certamen certare cum clero veterum illarum dioecesium, quae iam diu sacerdotes suo e gremio ediderunt, virtutibus omnibus tam miro modo praestantes, ut sacrorum administris universae Ecclesiae imitandi proponerentur. Etenim sanctitate potissimum sacerdotes esse possunt ac debent, lux mundi et sal terrae, hoc est suae ipsorum nationis totiusque orbis terrarum; sanctitate potissimum Evangelii pulchritudinem supernamque potentiam omnibus demonstrare possunt, itemque edocere omnes christianae vitae perfectionem metam esse, quam cuncti filii Dei viribus omnibus eluctando perseverandoque assequi queant, ac debeant, e quibusvis gentibus sint orti, in quolibet vivendi genere versentur, et quovis fruantur civili cultu. Ac praeterea, animus Noster paternus spem fovet, ut ubique ex clero cuiusvis nationis ii eligi possint, qui sacrorum alumnos suae cuiusque gentis regere, ac recte, sancteque instituere atque educare valeant. Quin immo, Episcopos et Catholicarum Missionum rectores iam nunc adhortamur, ut e clero autochthone ne dubitent eos deligere sacerdotes, qui ob suam virtutem

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peculiaremque agendi prudentiam, suorum popularium in sacro ephebeo degentium magistri atque ad sacerdotalem assequendam sanctitatem duces esse possint. Ceterum, Ecclesia, ut probe nostis, Venerabiles Fratres, nullo non tempore praecepit, ut sacrorum administri solidam ac plenam mentis animique institutionem adipiscerentur. Iamvero nemo, hodie praesertim, in dubium revocaverit id, e quavis stirpe et e quavis terrarum orbis regione ortos iuvenes assequi posse, cum hoc tam luculenter ac reapse demonstratum iam fuerit. Ac procul dubio, institutio, quae huic clero impertienda est, peculiaribus etiam rerum condicionibus conformetur." (Adhort. Apost. PIIXII, Menti Nostrae; A. A. S., XLII, 1950, p. 677). "Cfr. Matth. V, 13-14."

[*Latin ed. p. 842*]

Acts of the Apostolic See – an official commentary concerning matters proper to various places and various nations. Nevertheless, it is fitting for all those preparing for the sacred ministry to follow this most wise rule: namely, that care should be taken that these young men are not "educated in places somewhat too removed from human society," 28 because in this way, "when they go out into public life, they will not easily have dealings with the common people, or with educated men, and it will happen to them that they will either behave inconsiderately towards the Christian people, or, having received their instruction, they will think differently." 29 These young men ought to be formed for the complete perfection of the priestly spirit, but also "gradually and prudently to penetrate the intimate concerns and studies" 30 of that people; that is, the people whom they are obliged to illuminate with the truth of the Gospel, and to lead to holiness of life, with the help of divine grace. Therefore, the directors of seminaries must also adhere to this method of instruction and education, although they must readily and willingly embrace all those things which, with regard to external and technical matters, the age has introduced in a new and progressive way, as a common heritage of all nations, which has led men to a better and easier way of living, and to the better preservation of the health and strength of the body. The institution of native clergy – as Our Predecessor, the most blessed Benedict XV, wrote – should aim to ensure that, as soon as they are released to perform their divine office, they "correctly assume the governance of their people..." 31 and lead their people to the path of eternal salvation through their teaching and ministry. In this matter, we most strongly commend that all, both foreign and native, who are engaged in this sacred institution, with the utmost diligence, from a sense of their duty, take care to understand the gravity and difficulty of the task of receiving and forming their students.

28 Adhort. Apost. PIIXII Menti Nostrae; A. A. 8., XLII, 1950, p. 686.

29 Ibid.

30 Ibid., p. 687.

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31 Epist. Apost. Maximum illud; A. A. 8., XI, 1919, p. 445.

[*Latin ed. p. 843*]

Let them learn to more carefully consider these matters, and let them enjoy the freedom of thought and action that is permitted to them, 32 so that they may more easily, but as soon as possible, undertake greater ecclesiastical duties, both together and in harmony with the foreign clergy, but in every respect equally. For this will prove the effectiveness of the institution, and will attribute the highest merit and reward to those to whom the education of future priests pertains. Indeed, having considered these reasons, which not only pertain to the proper formation of the minds and souls of future priests, but also to the particular needs of each people and their particular way of thinking and acting, this Apostolic See has encouraged both the native and foreign clergy to devote themselves to studies in what is called "Missiology." Moreover, Our Predecessor, the most reverend Benedict XV, established a professorship in this discipline at the Urbanianum Athenaeum for the Propagation of the Faith; 33 and Our next Predecessor, of venerable memory, Pius XII, noted with pleasure that a "Missionary Institute" had been established at the same Urbanianum Athenaeum; "and that in Rome and elsewhere, there are several 'Faculties' and professorships of what is called 'Missiology'." 34 Therefore, in the curricula of studies in Catholic missionary seminaries, there will be no lack of subjects in which these matters are suitably explained, both those pertaining to the various aspects of Missiology, and also the technical knowledge of those things that seem useful for the future ministry of the clergy in those regions. For this reason, it is absolutely necessary that the institution that is imparted not only conform to the integral and solid doctrine of the Church, as handed down by the ancients, but also open and sharpen the minds of the students, so that they may be able to correctly judge the particular culture of their own country, especially with regard to philosophical and theological disciplines, and also the particular reasons that exist among them concerning the Christian faith.

[*Latin ed. p. 844*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 844, and may they foster Christian religion, « The Catholic Church — as Our Predecessor also stated — has neither scorned nor rejected the doctrines of various ethnic groups, but rather, having freed them from all error and all impurity, has perfected and completed them with Christian wisdom. Thus, likewise, it has in a certain way sanctified their native arts and liberal disciplines, as well as the customs of their peoples and their ancestral institutions; and it has even adapted their festivals, without changing their essence or form, to commemorate the martyrs and to celebrate the sacred mysteries.» 3 5 And We ourselves have opened Our mind on this very subject with these

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words: « Whenever the advancement of the true name, with regard to the liberal arts and native disciplines, can enrich the culture of the human family, the Church encourages and supports such endeavors. For, as you well know, it does not embrace only one kind of intellectual development, to the exclusion of others, nor does it embrace only that which has been produced by the peoples of Europe and the West, although it is closely connected with it; for the Church's mission pertains primarily to something else, namely, to that which concerns religion and the eternal salvation of mankind. Nevertheless, the Church, being ever youthful and perpetually renewed by the Holy Spirit, readily acknowledges and welcomes all things at all times, and indeed actively promotes those things which are conducive to the honor of the human mind and soul, even if they originate from other parts of the world, and not from the regions bordering the Mediterranean Sea, which, by God's providence, have been the cradle of its infancy.» 3 6, Native priests, if they are trained in appropriate ways and with serious considerations, and if, overcoming difficulties, they are prepared to act rightly, can certainly contribute greatly, under the guidance of their superiors, to this endeavor, and moreover... 35 See, e.g., Encyclical Letter *Evangelii Praecones*; A.A.S. 8, XLIII, 1951, p. 522. Cf. Address to those who attended the Second Convention of «Black Writers and Artists»; A.A.S. 8, LI, 1959, p. 260. 36

[*Latin ed. p. 845*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, 845, state that learned citizens of their own country will be more easily heard, and that, following the example of the most celebrated missionary, Matthaei Ricci, they may attract those nations, which have flourished in civil culture from the most remote times, to the Christian truth. Indeed, priests born in their own territories are bound by their office "to bring every understanding into obedience to Christ," as that incomparable herald of the Gospel and apostle to the Gentiles, Paulus, affirms; thus, "they will be honored among their own people, or among learned men." Therefore, using their judgment and works, bishops will strive to establish, in a timely and appropriate manner, seats suitable for promoting studies and for spreading doctrine, according to the needs of particular regions or of many regions, in which both foreign and native priests, having learned and experienced these things, may turn all of this to the good and benefit of the nation in which they were born or to which they have been drawn to cultivate it with Christian truth. In this regard, it is also fitting to recall what our predecessor, the most reverend Pius XII, taught with these words: that "all kinds of writings of Catholics must be published and disseminated widely among the people"; also, that every effort must be made "to promote whatever pertains to recent inventions of art, by which men communicate with each other, and by which doctrine is spread, since it is clear to no one how important it is to attract the opinion

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of the public and to conform it rightly." Not everything, of course, can be brought to fruition everywhere; however, all opportunities must be seized, so that any kind of need that arises may be addressed, even if sometimes "one is who sows, and another is who reaps." The propagation of the truth and charity of Jesus Christ is a particular [reference].

[*Latin ed. p. 846*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale 846 pertains to the Church's mission; and also, "the most sacred duty of the Church... is to impart to the people, as far as possible, the best benefits of its life and of its doctrine, from which a new social order, founded on Christian principles, may arise." 42 For this reason, even in regions where the evangelical doctrine is to be cultivated, the Church strives with all its might that social initiatives be undertaken, and that suitable assistance be provided to the needy, which will help Christian communities and the people to whom they belong. However, care must be taken that the apostolic missionary activity is not overwhelmed or hindered by an excessive accumulation of secular works. Therefore, only those things that are necessary and that can be readily carried out and put into practice should be undertaken; and these, as soon as possible, should be entrusted to men or women of that same nation, so that the missionaries may devote all their strength to the ministry of the word and to the care of the eternal salvation of others. If, as we have said, this is certainly the most fruitful way to practice apostolate, it is all the more evident that priests of the local Church must know and prudently carry out all that pertains to the particular institutions of their country. Moreover, it is also clear that they must give heed to the statement that our predecessor, in his wisdom, issued for the entire Church: "The aims and purposes of the Church, which encompass all things, will be the aims and purposes of their Christian life." 43 For this reason, the clergy must not only understand the interests, conditions, and true benefits of the entire Church, but they must also be guided and moved by the charity with which all the faithful are embraced. Therefore, St. John Chrysostom, speaking of liturgical celebrations, rightly and deservedly said...

42 Litt. Enc. Fidei donum; A. A. S., XLIX, 1957, p. 231.

43 Ibid., p. 238.

[*Latin ed. p. 847*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, section 47, state: "For when we approach [the altar], first we give thanks for the entire world and for common benefits." And Saint Augustine expressed this beautiful sentiment: "Extend charity throughout the world, if you wish to love Christ, because the members of Christ lie throughout the world."

Indeed, guided by this principle, and with a truly fervent and unsparing zeal for the unity of the Cattolica, Our Predecessor, the blessed Pope Bene-

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dict XV, did not hesitate to severely warn of this danger with the following words, which must be entirely absent from the plans of those who proclaim the Gospel, since they can diminish the effectiveness of their actions: "It would be a great pity if some missionaries, forgetting their dignity, should seem to think more about their earthly homeland than about the heavenly one, and should strive more to extend its power and glory above all else. This would be the most terrible plague of the apostolate, which would destroy all the nerves of charity in the proclamation of the Gospel, and would generally weaken its authority."

This same danger, although in different ways and for different reasons, can also be present today, especially since many nations, illuminated by the evangelical light of the missionaries, are often driven by a strong desire to attain freedom and to live fully with their own rights and full power; and the attainment of political freedom can sometimes stir up excesses that oppose the common good and the benefit and charity of the entire human family. However, we are fully confident that even the clergy of these lands will be moved by those principles and plans that are in accordance with the general interests of the Christian religion, and which are entirely in agreement with the doctrine of the Cattolica Church, which embraces all people with equal love, and therefore, in its own way, best serves the true good of each homeland.

[*Latin ed. p. 848*]

Acts of the Apostolic See 848 - Official Commentary. On this matter, Our Predecessor rightly and justly admonished all with these words: "The Church of God is catholic, and is not foreign to any people or nation"; 4 7 therefore, no community of Christians in any region truly manifests that unity with the universal Church from which the divine life of Jesus Christ arises, if the clergy and the people are moved only by concern for their own affairs, if they incite animosity towards other nations, or if, finally, they are led and disturbed by excessive zeal for their own nation, which can undermine charity towards all; it is by this very charity that the Church of God stands and is truly called "catholic." Our Predecessor of blessed memory, Benedict XV, in a most particular way, as we have said, asserted the necessity of diligently, carefully, and properly training native clergy, who would be suited to the present circumstances; however, another necessity, undoubtedly, shone forth in his mind, and that, too, was of the utmost importance: that laymen of every nation should also be educated and formed in such a way that they would not only live up to the Christian name in their private lives, but would also engage in the work of the apostolate. This was clearly and very significantly recommended by Our next Predecessor, of immortal memory, Pius XII, who spoke of this matter not once, but repeatedly, and which it is most important to consider attentively today, and to put into effect everywhere, as much as possible and as soon

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as possible. Indeed, Our Predecessor of venerable memory, Pius XII, – and this was not without singular merit and praise – admonished laymen with copious and well-reasoned teaching and repeated exhortations to enter the field of the apostolate with the greatest willingness and zeal, contributing to the flourishing of their ecclesiastical Hierarchy, in the very same way in which, from ancient times, the faithful have assisted Bishops and other clergy. 47 Epist. Apost. Maximum illud; A. A. S., XI, 1919, p. 445.

[*Latin ed. p. 849*]

The Acts of Pope John XXI, dated 849, sought to ensure that Christian precepts concerning both religious and social matters were more easily and effectively applied. This is all the more necessary, and indeed much more so, in our times, when these kinds of needs have increased daily, and when the ever-growing numbers of people require the nourishment of sound doctrine, and when, finally, their conditions appear more difficult and complex today. Furthermore, whenever the Church leads its peaceful flocks, it is necessary that its entire constitution be maintained, which consists not only of the various ranks of the hierarchy, but also of the order of the laity; and it is also necessary that all of them work together for the common good.

In order to achieve this, with regard to new Christian communities, it is not enough to convert people to the Catholic religion and to enroll them in large numbers in the Church after they have been cleansed with the water of baptism; but it is also absolutely necessary to prepare them, through a Christian education suited to the circumstances and times, to undertake those endeavors which, according to their abilities, can contribute to the present and future good and growth of the Church. The number of Christians means little if their virtue is lacking; that is, if they do not truly possess unwavering strength in professing the Catholic faith, if spiritual life does not flourish within their hearts, and if they do not produce salutary fruits outwardly; and finally, if, after being reborn by divine grace, they do not display that flourishing and mature youth which is always prepared to perform virtuous and fruitful deeds. Indeed, the profession of the Christian faith pertains not only to the census of citizens, but above all, it must create a new man, and, by inspiring, directing, and regulating all his actions, it must give them a supernatural power.

48 *Litt. Enc. Evangelii praecones; A. A. 8., XLIII, 1951, p. 510 sq.*

49 *Cfr. Litt. Enc. PIIXII Mystici Corporis; A. A. 8., XXXV, 1943, p. 200-201; Litt. Enc. P I I XI Berum Ecclesiae; A. A. 8., XVIII, 1926, p. 78.*

60 *Cfr. Eph. I V, 24.*

54 *ACTA, vol. I, n. 16. — 10-12-1959.*

[*Latin ed. p. 850*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis •- Official Commentary 850. Nevertheless, for

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laymen, it will be difficult fully to achieve this, if the clergy, whether foreign or native, do not attribute to themselves those necessary actions, of which we have spoken above, and which the first Vicar of Jesus Christ touched upon with the following words: "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people acquired for God, that you may show forth the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." Truly, a Christian institution and education, which is limited only to imparting catechetical formulas to the faithful, and to impressing upon minds, in various cases, the principal precepts of moral doctrine, without exciting the minds and wills to act effectively according to the given norms, may fall into a grave danger of hindering the Church in the care of its flock. On the contrary, the sheep of the Christian flock ought not only to listen to the Shepherd, but also to recognize him and his voice, and, being faithful and willing, to follow him through the pastures of eternal life, that they may one day receive "the unfading crown of glory" from the Prince of Shepherds; for the sheep, as we have said, who recognize and follow the Shepherd, who gave his life for the sheep, must give themselves entirely to him, and, willingly and freely obeying his divine will, strive diligently and laboriously that even other sheep, who do not follow him, but are far from him, who is the way, the truth, and the life, may one day enter the one and only fold. Without a diligent and laborious study of the apostolate, the profession of the Christian faith cannot even be understood, for "everyone is bound to spread his faith to others, or to instruct others in the faith."

[*Latin ed. p. 851*]

"...either for the strengthening or confirmation [of the faithful], or for repressing the insults of the unfaithful," and this especially in our present times, when the Church and the entire human society are experiencing particular difficulties. But in order that a truly complete Christian education may be achieved, it is absolutely necessary that instructors and educators adopt more suitable methods for this purpose, by which they may reach and thoroughly understand the minds, and the particular talents, intentions, and character of others; so that, in this way, they may imbue the students with the precepts of the evangelical truth, together with their norms and requirements, and conform them entirely to these. For the Divine Redeemer truly demands that each of us fulfill this, which is a great commandment: "Jesus said to him: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart and with thy whole soul and with thy whole mind."

Therefore, for those who embrace the Catholic religion, the greatness of the Christian profession should shine brightly with full light, so that their minds may be constantly aroused with fervent desire and effective purpose to live a life adorned with all virtues and surpassing in apostolic zeal; a life which presents admirable examples of Jesus Christ for imitation, who, having assumed human nature, commanded us to follow in His footsteps.

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Whoever is considered a Christian should know that he is bound by a primary and most important duty of conscience, namely, to be a witness to the truth that he believes in, and to the grace by which his soul has been transformed: "For indeed," as a most distinguished Father of the Church says, "He [Christ] leaves us here, so that we may be like lights, so that we may be constituted as teachers of others, so that we may be like leaven, so that we may act like angels with men, like men with boys, like spiritual men with animals, so that they may profit from us, so that we may be like seeds, so that we may bear much fruit. It would be unnecessary to speak, if our life shone so brightly; it would be unnecessary to use words..."

[*Latin ed. p. 852*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale 852, if we were to exhibit our works. There would be no reason for you, if we were truly Christians."

60. Indeed, all the faithful, who are throughout the entire world, as is evident, ought to perform this duty; nevertheless, it is clear that in regions where the works of the missions are cultivated, singular and most abundant fruits can arise from the same, with regard to the propagation of the Kingdom of God, even among those who are ignorant of the most excellent gift of our Faith, and that there are sprouts of strength, exceeding nature, which are present in grace, as the Lord Jesus Himself exhorts: "So let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

61. And the Apostle Peter exhorts the faithful: "Having your conversation good among the Gentiles, that whereas they may be reproved for you, as for evildoers, they may, by reason of your good works, glorify God in the day of visitation."

62. This testimony, given by each individual, ought to be confirmed and, as it were, expanded by the testimony of the entire Christian community, in a manner that has recently been achieved by the *Catholica* institution, namely, by the conspiracy and consensus of all the faithful, who were "And they were persevering in the doctrine of the apostles and in the communication of the breaking of bread and in prayers," so that their union in diligently exhibiting the works of charity provided them with great mutual joys and incentives to piety; for they were "praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord increased daily together such as should be saved."

63. For inasmuch as prayers are offered to God together, and the mysteries of the divine liturgy are actively participated in, the Christian life of each individual and of the entire community is greatly enriched and perfected, and this is of great value in conforming souls to charity.

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60. S. IOAN. CHRYS.

61. MATTH.

62. I PET. I, 12.

63. ACT. AP. II, 42.

64. Ibid., II, 47.

65. Hom. X in I Tim.; MIGNE, PG, LXII, 551.

[*Latin ed. p. 853*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, page 853, state that the true emblem of Christians is charity; we call it charity, which transcends the distinctions between nations and languages, and embraces all, whether brothers or enemies, with friendship. In this regard, the following words of Saint Clement, the Supreme Pontiff, our Predecessor, are fitting to repeat: "For when [pagans] hear from us that God says: 'It is not good for you, if you love those who love you, but it is good for you, if you love your enemies and those who hate you;' when they hear this, they marvel at the sublimity of goodness; but when they see that we do not only fail to love those who hate us, but even those who love us, they laugh at us and blaspheme the name [of God]." The greatest of all heralds of the Gospel, Saint Paul the Apostle, writing to the Romans, when about to announce the word of the Lord to the people of the far west, warned of "love without hypocrisy"; a virtue – without which no one is a Christian – which he had previously celebrated with wondrous praise.

Indeed, this charity is also evident even with the provision of assistance, as our Predecessor, of blessed memory, Pope Pius XII, said: "The body requires a multitude of members, which are connected to each other, so that they may live by mutual aid. And just as in our mortal body, when one member suffers, all the others sympathize; and the healthy members bring help to the ailing: so in the Church, individual members do not live only for themselves, but also help others, and all render each other helpful service, both for mutual consolation and for the greater edification of the whole Body." Therefore, since the needs of the faithful, by which they are burdened, also encompass the life and institutions of the Church, it is fitting that native Christians, as far as their abilities allow, spontaneously support churches, pious gatherings, and the clergy, who have devoted themselves entirely to them, with their own resources; and it makes no difference if they contribute only a little to this, since it is most important that what is given is a testament to the conscience exercised in Christian discipline.

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6 9 85 Cf. Luke V, 32-35. F. X. PUNK, Patres Apostolici, vol. I, p. 201.

B. X. XII, 9 sq.

1 Corinthians XIII, 2.

6 8 7 Letter Encyclical, Mystici Corporis; A. A. S., XXXV, 1943, p. 200.

[*Latin ed. p. 854*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium 854 Officiale IV. Cum Christianis fidelibus, membris unius vivendi Corporis, non licet se ab aliis separare, et ideo non licet arbitrari se officio suo satisfecisse, si propriis tantum animi rationibus studuerint et prospexerint; singuli, universi, adiutricem operam, pro sua quisque parte, navent Regno Dei incrementis augendo et propagando. Ad quod generale servandum officium, idem Praedecessor Noster Pius XII omnes cohortatus est hisce verbis: « Catholicam esse, praecipua Ecclesiae nota est, ita ut christianus homo et adstrictus Ecclesiae minime sit, nisi pariter sit addictus et adstrictus fidelium universitati, atque ideo percupiat ut eadem ubicumque gentium radices agat et florescat ». 70. Omnes igitur, sancta quadam incensi aemulatione, certatim testificentur oportet assiduum, quo ducantur, studium spirituale aliorum bonorum comparandi, propriam tuendi Eidem, eamque eos docendi, qui eius expertes sunt aut eam non satis noscunt, atque ideo setius de ea iudicant. Itaque sacrorum ministri, familiae, coetus apostolatus dediti, qui variis in locis sunt constituti, faciant, ut huius officii religionem, etiam in communitatibus christianis recentissime ortis, animis hominum a prima eorum aetate et ab adulescentia defigant. Nec desunt oportuna quaedam occasiones aptius et luculentius eos ad hoc munus apostolatus informandi, veluti cum pueri, vel baptismate nuper abluti homines ad Confirmationis Sacramentum suscipiendum componuntur, cuius « chrismate credentibus novum robur inditur, ut Ecclesiam Matrem et quam ab ea acceperint fidem, strenue tueantur ac defendant » ; 71. quam quidem animorum praeparationem maxime apud eas gentes expedit fieri, quae peculiares initiationis ritus pro locorum consuetudine celebrant. 70. Litt. Enc. Fidei. 71. Litt. Enc. PII XII: donum; A. Mystici A. 8., XLIX, Corporis; A. A. 1957, p. 8., XXXV, 237. 1 9 4 3 , p. 201.

[*Latin ed. p. 855*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 855, indicate how young people are prepared, so that they may legitimately belong to their respective orders. However, we cannot fail to recognize the importance of catechetical instruction in this regard, since it is clear that, if the annals of Catholic missions from their very origin are examined, they have always provided a unique and indispensable aid. These individuals, who have always been the most present helpers of the divine word, alleviating the labors of others, were openly affirmed by Our Predecessors, "with regard to the propagation of the Gospel, their number should be increased," and they were diligently instructed,

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and they held "perhaps the most excellent example of the apostolate, which is exercised by lay people." We, reiterating the great praise we give to them, urge them to carefully consider the beatitude that results from this service, and never to cease striving with all their efforts to cultivate themselves and to form the morals of others into true Christians, under the guidance of the ecclesiastical Hierarchy. For from them, the catechumens must not only learn the first elements of the Faith, but also the practice of virtue and a sincere love for Christ and His Church. Whatever care is devoted to increasing the number of these outstanding helpers of the ecclesiastical Hierarchy, and to their proper instruction, and whatever labor these same teachers of the Catholic doctrine endure, so that they may perform this service as fittingly and completely as possible, are instruments most present for establishing new Christian communities and for promoting their flourishing.

In our first Encyclical Letters, we have mentioned various and weighty reasons that compel...

[*Latin ed. p. 856*]

856 The Acts of the Apostolic See are an official record, so that in all parts of the world, "lay people are invited to join, with wise counsel, the peaceful army, that is, the groups of the Catholic Action, so that they may offer their help to the ecclesiastical Hierarchy"; 74 with these words, we added: "It is indeed a great comfort to us to consider what, over time, these helpers of Bishops and priests have demonstrated with eager and active zeal in regions still to be cultivated by the heralds of the Gospel... they have accomplished works and advanced projects." 75 Now, moved by charity, "which urges us," 76 we wish to reiterate most earnestly the exhortations and fervent words of our predecessor, the most blessed Pope Pius XII: "It is absolutely necessary that lay people, with generous, diligent, and industrious activity, associate their efforts with the apostolic ministry of the hierarchical clergy, joining themselves to the most important groups of the Catholic Action." 77 To bring about the will of the Supreme Pontiff, the Bishops of the regions, entrusted with the care of missions, the clergy of both orders, and the more generous and Christianly instructed faithful, have striven with the greatest diligence; and so it can be affirmed that, almost everywhere in the world, the undertakings have been successfully carried out and excellent works have flourished. However, it is necessary – and we believe it must be emphasized again and again – that this method of apostolate be adapted appropriately to the conditions and needs of each place. It is not permissible to transfer, without any distinction, what has been done in one region to another; but those to whom it pertains must, completely subject to the guidance of the ecclesiastical Hierarchy and cheerfully obedient to the sacred Pastors, take care that the various forms of apostolate do not become a certain kind of burden, by which the excellent forces are either restrained or dissipated, so that only certain and particular

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things are undertaken, and thus the action is, as it were, truncated and incomplete, when, on the contrary, more attention is given to a particular matter; which, however,

[*Latin ed. p. 857*]

It appears to be opportune, yet it possesses less utility, where the appended matters and necessities are entirely different. In those same Encyclical Letters, We also foretold the subject matter concerning the Catholic Action, which We shall treat more abundantly and extensively when the occasion arises; and thus, as We firmly believe, those regions also in which the missionary work is exercised, will receive a considerable benefit and a new impetus. In the meantime, let all, with a united will and guided by heavenly spirits, dedicate themselves to this endeavor, and let them be persuaded that they can only glory in serving the divine cause and in promoting the greater culture and progress of their nation, under this condition. Indeed, the Catholic Action is a society of laymen, ((to which belong proper duties and obligations, which, when carried out, must be subject to the authority of those in charge » , 7 8 so that the laymen themselves may attain the rank of leaders within it. For this, it is necessary that individuals be formed who can inflame various associations with apostolic zeal, and ensure that these associations are full of vigor; We speak of men and women, who, in order to be deemed worthy, and to whom the ecclesiastical Hierarchy entrusts the primary or secondary leadership of these associations, must demonstrate proof that they are thoroughly instructed and conformed to Christian doctrine and Christian morals, so that « they may impart to others what they themselves have already attained with the help of divine grace » . 7 9 It is not undeservedly asserted that the most suitable place and almost a gymnasium, where such lay leaders of the Catholic Action are prepared for their task, is the Christian school; which can only achieve its purpose and fulfill its mission when true Christians are educated there, whether they be priests from both orders or laymen. 78 1946, 79 Cf. Encyclical of Pope Pius XII on the Catholic Action, issued on October 1, 1946; A. A. 8., XXXVIII, p. 422; Letters, Discourses and Radio Messages of Pope Pius XII, vol. VIII, p. 468. Encyclical Ad Petri Cathedram; A. A. 8., LI, 1959, p. 524.

[*Latin ed. p. 858*]

"68 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary. It is no secret how important schools are in regions entrusted to the care of missionaries, and how much effort and labor the Church has expended in establishing them, and how diligently she has protected and fostered their growth. However, since it is difficult, as is evident, to incorporate the principles of the Action Catholica into the curriculum of schools, it is often necessary to gather young people outside of regular schools, in order that they may be instructed and trained in the practice of the apostolate. Therefore,

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let the local ordinaries take care to establish schools of the apostolate in the most suitable manner possible, according to their own judgment, in which, as is clear, the purpose of the institution differs from that which prevails in schools that can truly and properly be called such. Sometimes it will also happen that boys and young men who are forced to attend non-Catholic schools must be protected from false doctrines; but it will always be necessary that, in addition to the education that is imparted in public schools, which pertains to the cultivation of humanity and the arts and sciences, a prudent and thoughtful instruction be added, which is directed towards spiritual matters, so that these young people do not leave those schools perversely instructed, puffed up with arrogance, and who do more harm than good to the Church and to their fellow citizens. Their instruction in religion must be tempered with the development of their intellect, with the intention that they may be properly prepared for a life guided by the Catholic Faith, in their own civil society, and among the people among whom they will perform their duties, and that they may, in due time, find a place in Catholic organizations. If young people are forced to leave their own communities in order to attend public schools in other towns or cities, it is advisable to establish hostels there, and other residences, in which their Christian life and morals may be safe, and in which their talents and abilities may be directed towards a noble apostolate. Therefore, while we attribute a particular and effective power to schools of this kind, with regard to the training of leaders of the Action Catholica, we do not wish to exempt families from the burden of their duties, nor to detract anything from their authority, since sometimes they themselves contribute even more to this..."

[*Latin ed. p. 859*]

Acta Ioannis P.P. XXIII, 859, indicates that schools can accomplish what families can, namely, by fostering the zeal for the apostolate in the hearts of young people, and by instructing them more abundantly each day in Christian precepts, and by preparing them for action in life. For the domestic environment itself is a most excellent school, provided that it is not altered in any way.

Truly, the "good fight" for the Christian faith, begun in the depths of conscience, or within the domestic walls, is also carried on in public life, wherever and however it may occur. In all parts of the world, there exist various questions that those who seek to resolve them often approach with human wisdom alone, and follow principles that are often contrary to the precepts of Christian law; "indeed, many regions are subject to such serious changes in social, economic, and political matters, that the course of future events seems to depend on them to a great extent."

Questions that have already been resolved, or can be clarified, by considering the customs and practices of other nations, must necessarily be

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addressed promptly in other regions; and this, indeed, is fraught with danger, since it is possible that action will be taken hastily, and that doctrines will be adopted with lamentable superficiality, which neglect or reject the religious reasons of individuals and nations. These questions must not be ignored by Catholics, who are devoted to the private and public good of the Church, nor must they be allowed to be resolved carelessly, so that later, with greater effort, errors must be corrected, and the spread of the Christian religion throughout the world is further hindered.

Furthermore, with regard to public affairs, the actions of lay people living in regions where the word of God is spread are more appropriate and effective for them; therefore, Christian communities must, with the utmost care, strive to encourage men to engage in public affairs in their own country for the common good. These men must not only possess the gift of faith, but also...

2 Timothy 4:7: "I have fought a good fight."

Litt. Enc. Pu X I I Fidei Donum A. A. 8., XLIX, 1957, p. 229.

[*Latin ed. p. 860*]

Official duties and works should be diligently performed, but also, through their truly Christian lives, they should add honor to the Church, of whose benefits they have been reborn, so that the sacred pastors may be able to give them that praise which we see written in St. Basil: "I have given thanks to the Most Holy God, that, occupied with public affairs, you have not neglected ecclesiastical matters; but you have been so concerned with these matters, as if they were your own, and as if your life depended on them."

Specifically, among those things which pertain to the management of schools and their proper organization, to the distribution of aid to the needy citizens in a well-ordered manner, to the proper organization of associations of all kinds of workers, and to the administration of public affairs, the contributions of native Catholics, distinguished by their expertise, will be of the greatest importance and excellence, if—as the conscience of duty demands, without incurring the crime of violating the faith—they are guided by the principles of Christian law in making decisions and taking action; principles which, as experience has shown for many centuries, have the greatest power and importance in achieving the common good.

However, it is clear that mutual assistance, joined by fraternal affection, among Catholic groups, wherever they may be established in the world, can bring great benefits and be of great value, as Our Predecessor, the most blessed Pius XII, warned, in promoting the lay apostolate in regions entrusted to the care of Missionaries, whether in matters of doctrine, as it is investigated, how, for example, social issues can be addressed in newly

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established nations, or in matters of the apostolate, and especially, as plans are undertaken, so that lay organizations of those who eagerly serve under the banner of Christ may be properly organized.

Indeed, we are not unaware of the excellent work that lay Missionaries have already done and are doing, who, for a time or for their entire lives, have left their homeland in order to work for the social and religious good in regions where the light of the Gospel is needed.

[*Latin ed. p. 861*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 861, mention a multitude; and we earnestly beseech God, through our prayers, that He may increase the number of such helpers, with great generosity of spirit, and that He may strengthen them in the difficulties and labors which they undertake in accordance with the apostolic plan. Indeed, members of Secular Institutes, born from the same regions, can provide assistance in the care of missions, with an extraordinary and abundant harvest of fruits, if they, by their example, encourage others to imitate them, and if they readily and willingly offer their talents and efforts to the local Ordinaries, so that newly established Christian communities may mature more quickly. We also address this exhortation to all lay people, who, wherever they may be, excel in their duties or in the affairs they handle, urging them to seriously consider how, even if they do not leave their own country, they can assist those brothers and sisters who have recently been incorporated into the Christian faith; for they can provide assistance, by offering advice, sharing their experience, and imparting technical skills, with little effort and without great inconvenience, which can sometimes have the greatest impact. Certainly, people of good will will find a way to bring about the realization of this, and they will ensure that this desire is made known to others whom they find to be inclined to it, and that their wills are moved and directed towards undertaking this most suitable work. Our Predecessor, the Pope, has urged Bishops to, with that very spirit which unites them in fraternal cooperation and neglects their own advantage, to ensure that young Catholics, who come from regions dedicated to the study of missions, and who come to their dioceses for the purpose of learning doctrine and acquiring practical skills, so that they may become capable of undertaking public duties in their own country, are provided with spiritual guidance. For none of you, Venerable Brothers, fail to see how many dangers threaten their minds and characters in a society of men that is not only...

[*Latin ed. p. 862*]

862 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale, propria, sed etiam – oh, dolor! – non eiusmodi, ut Fidem eorum confirmet eosque ad christianam virtutem excitet; atque adeo unusquisque vestrum pro conscientia officii, quo omnes sacri Pastores, ad Missiones quod spectat,

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tenentur, caritate et sollicitudine summa et rationibus initis aptissimis, iis ferre opem studeat. Neque difficile erit hos iuvenes doctrinae studiosos exquirere, sacerdotibus vel laicis ad hoc ministerium imprimis idoneis committere, spirituali cura fovere, ac demum facere, ut suavitatem et adiumenta caritatis christianae persentiant usuque experiantur, qua omnes in fraternum foedus coeamus oportet et alter alterius commodis serviat. Itaque ad tot tantaque auxilia, quibus Missionalibus occurristis, hanc etiam adiutricem adiungite operam, qua regiones, in orbe terrarum dissitae quidem, sed curis etiam vestris quodam modo commendatae, ipsis animis vestris repraesentantur. His vero iuvenibus doctrinae studiosis non solum amorem, quo in eos ferimur, patefacere volumus, sed eos etiam impense amanterque hortari, ut signum crucis, in frontibus suis, conscriptum tinctione sanguinis Iesu et unctione chrismatis sancti, inviolate ubique prae se ferant, neve, dum apud exteras gentes commorantur, occasionem praetermittant, quin non solum ad munera recte gerenda se comparent, sed religionis etiam disciplinam altius comprehendant. Quamquam periculis malisque sunt obnoxii, habent tamen opportunitatem maximam ad multa capienda commoda spiritualia, dum apud catholicas degunt nationes, si meminerint omnes christifideles, quicumque sunt et undecumque duxerunt ortum, debere ceteris esse exemplo mutuaque inter se pietatis impertire adiumenta. V Postquam igitur, Venerabiles Fratres, de praecipuis magisque peculiaribus necessitatibus, quibus Ecclesia in regionibus, Missionalium studio creditis, hisce temporibus premitur, facere non possumus, quin gratum animum sensusque commotos iis omnibus significemus, qui ad ultimos usque ter-

[*Latin ed. p. 863*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 863, speak of those who, sparing no effort in spreading the Faith, labor diligently. Let the heralds of the Gospel, both clergy and laity, whom we hold dear, know that the sacred virgins, with their exceptional spirit and eagerness, and with such abundant fruitfulness in their service to the missions, know that the laity, the most distinguished partners in this work, who, without idleness, have gone forth to spread the faith, that we pour out daily prayers for them, and that we hasten to offer them all the help we can. The prosperous outcome of these labors is evident, and it is a sign of the favor and blessing of Heaven, and a testimony to the wisdom and prudence with which the Sacred Congregation is dedicated to spreading the Christian name and to attending to the affairs of the Eastern Church. We earnestly implore all Bishops, the sacred clergy, and the faithful of all the dioceses throughout the world, who, through prayers and contributions, alleviate the needs of the missionaries, whether spiritual or material, to increase these supports, which are so necessary. Furthermore, let the pastors of even the most ancient dioceses, although concerned by the scarcity of priests, without any doubt foster and encourage those who

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feel themselves divinely called to the missionary ministry, and let them readily allow some of their most outstanding laymen to be transferred to new dioceses; and from this loss, which they will have made for the sake of God, heavenly rewards will come to them in due time. The more the needs increase, the more prompt should be the generosity with which all the faithful throughout the world strive to offer zeal and charitable support to the works which, subject to the Sacred Congregation for the propagation of the Christian name, attribute the help received to those to whom it is most useful and who are in greater need. These services and aids, diligently and effectively provided by our brethren, will encourage the faithful of newly established communities to maintain Christian discipline, and will inspire in them a sweet affection of love.

[*Latin ed. p. 864*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 864, will bear witness to that which surpasses human nature, that which is nourished by grace in souls. For not a few Christian dioceses and communities, entrusted with the care of missions, are sometimes afflicted by sorrows and persecutions, even bloody ones. We exhort the sacred pastors, who shine as an example to their children in the Lord, of faith that is unwavering, of fidelity that does not falter even in the face of danger, and of the faithful, so greatly tested by adversity, and therefore so dear to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, who promises abundant reward to those who patiently endure persecution for the sake of justice, to persevere with zeal in the struggle in which they contend for the cause of God; and this, without doubt, will bring about that the Lord, in His inscrutable plans, will fill them with the most excellent heavenly gifts, consolations, and joys. The entire Church of God is united with those who strive in this way, through the communion of prayers and sorrows, for it is certain that the awaited victory will not be lacking to it. Therefore, to the Catholic missions, we earnestly implore the firm support of the same Saints and Martyrs, and in a special way, the intercession of the most loving Mother Mary, Queen of Missions, and we impart to you all, Venerable Brothers, and to all those who contribute in every way to the spread of the Kingdom of God, the Apostolic Blessing, the most excellent gifts of the Eternal Father, who appeared to the world through His Son, the Savior of mankind, as a conciliator and a harbinger, that she may also kindle and increase the zeal of all for the missions, with abundant charity. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the twenty-eighth day of the month of November, in the year 1959, in the second year of Our Pontificate. JOHN PP. XXIII 8 4 Cf. MATTH. V, 10-12.

[*Latin ed. p. 865*]

Acta Ioanni* J l p. XXIII 865 ALLOCUTIONES I Ad Electos viros, qui interfuerunt Conventui Consilii v. « Organizationis Alimentariae et Agri-

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culturae » (F.A.O.) opera Romae habito. * Messieurs, Voluistis interrupere momentaneum opera vestra Decimae Conferentiae Generalis ut huc venissetis quaerere hortationes et benedictionem Pontificis. Nos sumus valde gaudentes vos accipere, quia F.A.O., sicut scitis, non est ignota in Vaticano. Membri sessionum vestrarum praedictarum plus quam semel auditum a Nostro Praedecessore, Papa Pio XI, de veneranda memoria, habuerunt, qui eis semper benevolentiam affectuosam testatus est. Nos ipsi, in diebus nostris, saepe transirem ad aedificium magnum quod F.A.O. continet, et, cum innumerabiles fenestras illius in nocte lucentes videremus, non desimimus mentem gratiam ad eos qui ibi laborabant pro bono humanitatis dirigere. Et nunc, ex nostro studio, sedem organizationis vestrae conspicimus, quae massam suam immanem in horizonte delineat: sic, videtis, valde estis in animo et corde Nostro praesentes. Ecclesia, vobis dicere volumus, vehementer se F.A.O. intendit. Quid enim spectaculi magni et pulchri vobis praebetis ad oculos matellos eius, cum technici vestri in mundo toto laborant ad ordinandam ”pugnam contra famem,” ad meliorandam terram, plantas, animalia, technicas piscationis, oeconomiam lactis, exploitationem silvarum... et omnia haec ad auxilium fratrum nostrorum miserrimorum, indigenterum, qui patiuntur, qui esurient!... Spectaculum magnum et mirabile, vere, quod admirationem, aedificationem, fidem in futurum inspirat. Scitis Nos saepe hortari peregrinos qui Nos vident ad perficiendum, in regno materiali sicut et in regno spirituali, haec opera quae a amore Dei et proximi dictantur, quae traditio ecclesiastica ”opera misericordiae” appellat. Sed quid est omnis activitas F.A.O. nisi immensa opera misericordiae, opera misericordiae in scala mundi! Nos * Habitavit die 10 Novembris mensis anno 1959. 55 - ACTA, vol. I, n. 16. — .10-12-1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 866*]

We scarcely need to exhort you, for the lesson you impart to the world speaks eloquently for itself. Rather, We desire to rejoice with you, to congratulate you wholeheartedly, and to assure you that We bless your endeavors. First and foremost, We sincerely rejoice and thank God that an undertaking such as the ”Food and Agriculture Organization” has been able to arise, to organize itself, and to develop in the wake of the dreadful conflict that had drenched the world in blood. It is undoubtedly one of the most significant and fortunate events of the post-war years that responsible authorities have become aware of the great disparity in living standards between nations, of the economic misery of the less fortunate—the nations referred to as ”underdeveloped”—in comparison to those that possess the principal sources of wealth. From this, in noble souls concerned for the well-being of mankind, has sprung a spirit of dedication, a desire for effective service, and then a great movement of study, investigation, exchange of information, and the dispatch of technicians... ultimately leading to the beneficial achievements that the FAO has recorded in recent years, and

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which are so well illustrated in the brochure you have presented to Us: "The FAO at Work." What beautiful and good energies, truly, have been employed with intelligence in the service of the common good! Allow Us to sincerely congratulate you on this. We admire a characteristic that seems to accompany these admirable activities: it is the wisely realistic and, at the same time, serenely optimistic spirit that animates your organization. The FAO does not fear difficulties; it confronts them. It has not been discouraged by the number and magnitude of the obstacles that stood in its path: the ruins and devastation accumulated by the war, the extent of misery in certain regions, the epidemics fostered by malnutrition and exacerbated by it... not to mention the problems constantly posed by the steady increase in the world's population. It has wisely devised the most effective means to ensure, improve, and rationally distribute food, and it has made its services available to interested governments. The Church highly esteems this spirit of positive action, of selfless service; it praises this reasonable boldness, this confidence in the possibility of resolving great human problems. It, too, is optimistic. A valuable result of your activities—and We know that this is also one of the goals of your Organization—will be, in the long run, the elevation of...

[*Latin ed. p. 867*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 867, concerning the level of life of the inhabitants of the countryside. "Having ourselves come from a rural home, We have with Our own eyes, during Our younger years, seen, and We shall never forget, what are the hardships and sufferings of those who are devoted to the work of the land. To contribute to lightening their burden, to give a little more well-being to those who provide bread for men, what a beautiful work of mercy, and one that is also truly worthy of encouragement and praise! We would like to add another thought that has come to Us, reflecting on the truly great and comforting prospects that the results already achieved by your Organization open up before the mind. In a world still shaken by war and its consequences, humanity anxiously seeks from which side true peace will finally come, and who will be its most effective agents. The lights that come from the realm of politics are still so uncertain, so prone to being extinguished after having aroused great hopes! On the other hand, are not those who promote the practice of charity from nation to nation, mutual aid on the economic level, in a spirit of selflessness and friendly goodwill, also those who are tracing the surest paths towards union and peace among men? May you, gentlemen, in pursuing your noble activities, also work for the peace of the world! We cannot leave you, as We take our leave of you, a wish that We believe is more suited to your desires as well as to Our own, a wish that is certainly more in conformity with the will of the God Creator and Savior of men. In order to better ensure its fulfillment, We impart to you all, with a generous heart, Our

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paternal Apostolic Blessing. To those, from both the clergy, who attended the assembly of the Censors of Books. * We are pleased to give you the most affectionate welcome, dear children dedicated to the prior review of books, who, with this meeting in Rome, have concluded your Conference. We greet you as an esteemed group of learned priests, to whom a very delicate task has been entrusted, and who, therefore, strive to distinguish themselves by a lovable blend of proven virtues. Indeed, the Code of Canon Law requires that you be of mature age, learned, * November 18, 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 868*]

Acta 868: Apostolic prudence commends: 1 Sedis - Official Commentary, and from this definition, We are pleased to express our fervent appreciation. Within the scope of this book, you perform a patient, silent, and balanced work, in aid of and under the direction of your Ordinaries, upon whose conscience primarily rests the responsibility of preserving, defending, and spreading sound doctrine. In fact, this work is directed towards the discovery of genuine human and Christian values, and towards the firm and loyal condemnation of errors and harmful attitudes. Your work is a cause of great labor and constant anxiety for you: not only because it requires a sacrifice of time, and also a wearing down of physical energies; but above all, because a heavy responsibility weighs upon your work, and accompanies you as a lively stimulus, reminding you of the number of consciences that rely on the judgment of the Ecclesiastical Authority, in order to derive from it a moral rule, and a sure criterion to which to conform. The mission you perform is, in this respect, of the highest value, because it participates in the maternal solicitude of the Church in guiding and instructing its children in the knowledge of truth, and in defending them from every danger. Already Our Predecessor, Pope Pius XI of blessed memory, in the Audience granted in February 1956 to the Ecclesiastics involved in the review of the book, defined their position as collaborators of the Church in the work of ministry, saying verbatim: "In each of you, We recognize a valid and faithful collaborator of Our pastoral ministry." 3 These words must be said even more of you, who must be precious instruments and faithful collaborators of your Ordinaries, and therefore of the Ecclesiastical Authority, in the service of truth, for the safeguarding of the heritage of faith and morals, which must be transmitted intact to the generations to come. In the field in which your activity takes place, there has been an incessant progress in recent years, which can be regarded with serene appreciation, even while duly noting the defects in which one may incur. Dear children! What is your duty in this situation, in which there is such a marked contrast of light and shadow? We are not unaware of the difficulties that can often disorient or discourage you in your work. But 1 2 3 Can. 1393, par. 3. Eph. 4, 12. A. A.

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S., XLVIII (1956), p. 127 - Discorsi e Radiomessaggi, XVII, 1955-56, p. 515.

[*Latin ed. p. 869*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, in the year 869, state that, on the one hand, it is dangerous to allow yourselves to be disheartened by the consideration of less consoling aspects; on the other hand, it would be no less harmful to surrender to an easy optimism, which could lead to dangerous compromises and concessions, with the risk of damaging the sacred deposit of doctrine, and the souls of the faithful. Therefore, a healthy realism is necessary, which does not forget the condition of human nature, wounded by original sin; but this must not be separated from an apostolic zeal, inspired by deep devotion, remembering what was said of the Divine Savior: "He will not break the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax, until he has brought justice to victory." (Isaias 42:3). Therefore, the ecclesiastical reviewer must not be led to that intransigent harshness, which destroys but does not rebuild, discourages but does not revive, grieves but does not lead to repentance; he must also avoid all leniency and complaisance in judgment, so that his work is always distinguished by intelligence, sensitivity, and perspicacity, in the clear vision of his duties, for the faithful service of the ecclesiastical authority. In this regard, it is useful to remember that the aforementioned canon requires that ecclesiastical censors proceed in a balanced and prudent manner when examining doctrines. Your work must therefore be constantly inspired by a righteous balance, in order to firmly and lovingly indicate the paths of justice. These characteristics are summarized in a well-known maxim, attributed to various authors, but no less precious and useful. We recalled it in Our first Encyclical, and we believe that it is also appropriately suited to your work: "In necessities, unity; in doubts, liberty; in all things, charity." This unity derives its reason from the inviolable sanctity of religion, which must be upheld and defended against every changing fashion of the times and every treacherous wavering of thought; it is therefore a guarantee of order and security, but at the same time it communicates a wonderful and invincible force to our endeavors. Inspired by this duty of unity, the ecclesiastical reviewer must, as far as possible, possess a thorough knowledge of Catholic Theology and Morality, of Patristics and ecclesiastical Tradition, of the Papal teaching; and he must, consequently, apply himself to concrete cases with seriousness. * Matth. 12, 20; cfr. Is. 42, 3.

[*Latin ed. p. 870*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 870: Discipline and scrupulousness, with regard to the common good: thus, a diversity of judgment will be avoided, which could lead to dangerous confusion and disorientation. The aforementioned freedom is that which is added to the conscience and good sense of the Reviewer, to his maturity of judgment

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and readiness of understanding: in a field as varied and flexible as that of cultural and literary production, where the most diverse and unforeseen cases of human existence are presented, clothed in the brilliance of artistic form, it is very important to know how to navigate with ease, not only to identify the positive aspects and emphasize the negative ones, but also to wisely orient oneself in the examination of what escapes a more precise doctrinal or moral position. Finally, and above all, charity, the queenly virtue in which the teaching and practice of the Law are summarized: it preserves judgment from the danger of coldness and contempt, as well as tempering its eventual severity with the gentle delicacy that it inspires in souls. Therefore, the characteristics attributed by Saint Paul to this virtue in his immortal praise are fully realized in your work: "Charity is patient, is kind: it envieth not; it vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up. It is not rude, it seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; it rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth." The charity to which you aspire will certainly not obscure the love for truth; therefore, even here, the Pauline exhortation can surely guide you: "Verily, do all things in charity." These, beloved children, are the thoughts and exhortations that, thinking of this Audience, have sprung forth from Our heart, and which We have wished to communicate to you so simply. We are certain that you are already inspired by them, and that, strengthened in your intentions, you will draw renewed comfort from them to continue with serenity and prudence in your arduous and delicate work. We accompany you with Our constant prayer, with which We invoke abundant and continuous light from Heaven upon your minds and your labors. And wishing you to draw from your Convocation every hoped-for benefit for your future activities, as a pledge of divine favors, We impart to you Our paternal, propitious Apostolic Blessing. * Cf. Rom. 13, 8. * 1 Cor. 13, 4-6. Eph. 4, 15. 7

[*Latin ed. p. 871*]

Sacred Congregation of Rites 871. ACTS OF THE HOLY CONGREGATION OF RITES. CONCERNING THE BEATIFICATION AND CANONIZATION OF THE SERVANT OF GOD, GUIDO MARIA CONFORTI, ARCHBISHOP-BISHOP OF PARMA, FOUNDER OF THE PIOUS SOCIETY OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS. REGARDING A DOUBT: Whether a commission should be appointed to initiate the cause, and for the purpose of what is being discussed. The Roman Pontiffs, divinely acting as Christ's representatives on earth, have also devoted their principal cares and thoughts, from the earliest ages, to the salvation of souls, so that the light of the Gospel and the benefits of Christian humanity might be imparted to peoples dwelling in darkness and in the shadow of death. For the Church is born for this purpose, that, by extending the Kingdom of God throughout the earth, it may make all men partakers of the saving power of Redemption. With this

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grave concern and office, which weighs heavily upon the shoulders of the Supreme Pontiffs, Bishops and priests, "Take heed to yourselves and to the whole flock, wherein the Holy Ghost hath placed you bishops, to rule the Church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood." (Acts 20:28), have felt themselves bound, and have striven to participate in it, since they have received the same command: "Going therefore, teach ye all nations" (Matthew 28:19). Indeed, these Bishops, by the very power of the authority they have received, must exercise the perfection of Christian virtues, so that each one may be able to emulate the Apostle: "Be ye followers of me, even as I am of Christ" (1 Corinthians 4:10). Among these Bishops, deserving of the highest praise for their Catholic merits, and who have also acquired a reputation for holiness, is the Servant of God, Guido Maria Conforti. He was born in the town commonly called Ravadesio, within Par-

[*Latin ed. p. 872*]

872 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary of the diocese of Fismes, located in the city, on the 30th of March, in the year 1865, he was the eighth of ten children born to Rinaldus and Antonia Adorni, his legitimate parents. On the same day of his birth, he was regenerated by the salutary waters of Baptism, and, through the piety of his mother, was educated in the fear of the Lord. Endowed with a lively disposition and a sharp intellect, from his earliest years he proved to be docile, pious, and obedient, and he found delight in attending church. At the age of eight, he was strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and two years later he approached the Eucharistic table for the first time. Before completing his twelfth year, despite the opposition of his father, he entered the sacred Seminary of Parma, put on the clerical garb, and there excelled in diligence, obedience, and other virtues. While still engaged in studies of the humanities, he perceived that he was called to the missionary life and work. However, this desire was not fulfilled, for Divine Providence preserved him for greater things, for the salvation of the infidels. Having overcome the afflictions caused by his epilepsy, on the 22nd of September, in the year 1888, after having duly and laudably completed his theological studies, he was ordained to the priesthood, and desired to dedicate himself to the sacred ministry. However, obeying the will of the Bishop, he retained the duties of Vice-Rector and Master in the Seminary, and diligently fulfilled them, and, through example and word, he earned the praise of all in forming the young men in piety. In January of the year 1893, he was elected canon of the cathedral church of Parma. With the approval of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, and with the favor of the Bishop of Parma, from whom he had been appointed General Pro-Vicar, the Servant of God, on the 16th of November, in the year 1895, opened the first house of the new Institute for the promotion

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of missions. This Institute, after three years, obtained approval from the Ordinary of Parma, together with its rules, and the first two members made their religious profession on the feast of Saint Francis Xavier, from whom the new Society took its name. While our man was entirely occupied with directing and perfecting the Institute which he had founded, he was created Archbishop of Ravenna by Leo XIII in the year 1902. However, after only two years had elapsed, due to his poor health, he relinquished the governance of the Church of Ravenna, and dedicated himself entirely to the administration and expansion of his Institute; which received the approval of the Apostolic See, a decree that earned him the praise of March of the year 1906, and received its final approval in the year 1921. Thus, although he could not undertake the work of a missionary, as he had so vehemently desired, behold, he became, by the will of God, the founding father of a society of missionaries. In the following year, 1907, on the 24th of September, he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Parma, with the right of succession, and on the 12th of December.

[*Latin ed. p. 873*]

The Sacred Congregation of Rites, in its decree of the same year (87), following the death of the living Bishop of the Church of Parmensis, assumed jurisdiction over the diocese. He had served God for almost twenty-five years as a good pastor of the diocese, who zealously defended the rights of the Church and the honor and freedom of the sacred ministers. To preserve and protect the Christian faith among those entrusted to him, he promoted the work of Christian Doctrine and established schools of catechesis in all parishes. Without sparing any inconveniences or difficulties, he completed four pastoral visitations of his vast diocese; the fifth he began was interrupted by illness; he celebrated two synods; he devoted himself to the Action Catholica. He also showed a particular zeal in caring for, instructing, and correcting the students of the seminaries. He vehemently defended ecclesiastical discipline, reconciled dissenting minds, brought the erring back to the path of virtue, and took care that unwavering obedience to the Chair of Peter be maintained both by the clergy and by the people. Not remitting in the cares of his pastoral office, but multiplying office with office, as the Apostles did, he greatly fostered the Missionary Clergy Association and presided over it for ten years, and, as the Supreme Moderator of the Pious Society of St. Francis Xavier for foreign missions, he sent missionaries to various houses established in Italia to evangelize the infidel nations. In the year 1928, he himself undertook a journey to China, to visit his beloved missionaries. Finally, weakened by labors and pastoral cares, and afflicted by illness, he piously received the sacraments of the Church in his final moments, full of virtues and merits, and peacefully fell asleep in the Lord on November 5th, in the year 1931. The reputation for holiness, with which he was adorned in life, and the miracles that, as is said, occurred through

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his intercession, have not diminished even to our time, but rather have increased from day to day. Therefore, canonical inquiries were begun in the ecclesiastical court of Parmensis in the year 1941, with ordinary authority, concerning the fame of his holy life, virtues, and miracles in general, as well as concerning the writings of the aforementioned Servant of God and the devotion not rendered to him; these inquiries were completed in the year 1942 and sent to Rome. To these were added, later, petitions from numerous Cardinals, sacred prelates, Superiors General of religious orders, and other outstanding men of ecclesiastical and civil dignity, who earnestly implored the Supreme Pontiff to introduce the cause of this Servant of God before the Sacred Congregation of Rites. Therefore, observing the laws that must be observed, the same Sacred Congregation of Rites, after considering the writings dedicated to this Servant of God, decreed on July 12th, in the year 1946, that it could proceed further. Therefore, at the request of the Reverend Father Julius...

[*Latin ed. p. 874*]

Acts ●●874 of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary by Barsotti, General Postulator of the Pious Society of St. Francis Xavier for Foreign Missions; The Eminent and Reverend Lord Marcellus Cardinal Mimmi, Bishop of Sabina, and Mandelia. The Cause Promoter, or Relator, in the ordinary proceedings, proposed for discussion at the meetings of the Congregation of Sacred Rites held on May 26th of this year at the Vatican, the following question: Whether a commission should be signed for the introduction of the cause, in the case and for the purpose in question. The Eminent and Reverend Cardinals, entrusted with the safeguarding of the sacred rites, having heard the report of the Promoter, and having heard the Official Prelates, especially the Reverend Father Silvius of Rome, General Promoter of the Faith, after mature deliberation, judged it advisable to respond: Affirmative, that is to say, that the commission should be signed, if it pleases the Most Holy [Father]. Finally, the Most Holy Lord Pope John XXIII, through the aforementioned General Promoter of the Faith, received a faithful report, and His Holiness approved and ratified the judgment of the Congregation of Sacred Rites, and deigned to sign the commission for the introduction of the cause of the Servant of God Quidonis Mariae Conforti with His own hand; Given in Rome, on May 29th, in the year of Our Lord 1959. C. Card. CICOGNANI, Prefect. H. E. 8. Henricus Dante, Prosecretary.

[*Latin ed. p. 875*]

ACTS OF THE OFFICES

SECRETARY OF STATE

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His Holiness Pope John XXIII, on this sixteenth day of November, in the year 1959, deigned to establish the Vatican Film Archive, erecting it as a legal entity with its seat in the City of the Vatican, approving the present Statutes, and ordering their publication.

STATUTES OF THE VATICAN FILM ARCHIVE

Article 1. Legal Personality and Seat.

The Vatican Film Archive, established in accordance with the Apostolic Letter *Boni Pastoris* of February 22, 1959, by His Holiness Pope John XXIII, on this sixteenth day of November, 1959, possesses legal personality. It has its seat in the City of the Vatican.

Article 2. Purpose.

In conformity with the age-old tradition of the Holy See of welcoming the most notable documents of history and culture, the Vatican Film Archive has the purpose of collecting and preserving films and recordings of television programs that pertain to the life of the Church, and in particular those concerning:

a) The Supreme Pontiff, His Representatives, and the various organs of the Roman Curia;

b) Apostolic and charitable activities in the Universal Church, and cultural works promoted by Catholics;

c) Religious life in the world;

d) Works of high artistic and human value.

Article 3. Sources of the Collection.

The following contribute to the formation of the collection of the Vatican Film Archive:

a) Cinematographic and television documentation currently in the possession of the Holy See;

b) Copies of films shot and recordings of television programs made within the territory of the City of the Vatican and in extraterritorial areas;

c) Films that in the future will be received by the Supreme Pontiff, to...

[*Latin ed. p. 876*]

Acts 876 of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary of the Office of the Holy See or to the Film Archive itself, and which correspond to the characteristics indicated in Article 2. Article 4. Assets and property. - The Vatican Film Archive has its own assets, assigned to it by the Holy See. Donations made inter vivos or for cause of death in favor of the Vatican Film Archive will be intended for the purposes of the Film Archive itself. Article 5. Direction and administration. - The direction and administration of the Vatican Film Archive is entrusted to the Pontifical Commission for Cinematography, Radio and Television, which designates, on the pro-

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posal of the President, an official delegated to the management of the Film Archive. The same Pontifical Commission is particularly responsible for: a) publishing the regulations relating to the operation of the Film Archive; b) approving the budget forecasts and final accounts; c) deciding on doubtful cases of admission of films to the Film Archive. Article 6. Representation. - The representation of the Vatican Film Archive belongs to the President of the Pontifical Commission for Cinematography, Radio and Television, jointly with the official delegated to the management of the Film Archive. In case of impediment, the President is replaced by a worthy member of the Pontifical Commission, and the official delegated by a vice-delegate. Article 7. Final provision. - This Statute comes into force from the day of its publication in the Acts of the Apostolic See.

[*Latin ed. p. 877*]

From the Roman Curia Diary, 877.

DIARIUM ROMANAE CURIAE

SECRETARY OF STATE

By order of the Secretary of State, the Most Holy Father John XXIII, may He happily reign, has deigned to appoint:

Assistants to the Papal Throne:

March 23, 1959. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Girolamo Bartolomeo Bortignon, Bishop of Padua.

June 5th. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Pietro Rogan, Bishop of Buea.

July 17th. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Giorgio Melançon, Bishop of Chicoutimi.

August 22nd. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Libanio Lafayette, Bishop of Rio Prêto.

September 5th. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Gioacchino Muccin, Bishop of Feltre and Belluno.

September 24th. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Carlo Serena, Archbishop of Sorrento.

September 26th. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Giacinto Giovanni Ambrosi, Archbishop of Gorizia and Gradisca.

October 28th. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Paolo Botto, Archbishop of Cagliari.

October 26th. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Cutberto Martino O'Gara, Bishop of Yüanlíng.

November 6th. His Excellency, Reverend Monsignor Paolo Bouque,

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Bishop of Nkongsamba.

Apostolic Protonotaries, as if participating:

November 28, 1958.

Monsignor Giuseppe Mancuso, of the archdiocese of Palermo.

Monsignor Pietro Marcataio, of the same archdiocese.

May 15, 1959.

Monsignor Emilio Bourneuf, of the diocese of Yarmouth.

June 5th.

Monsignor Edmondo O'Connor, of the diocese of Buffalo.

Monsignor Giuseppe Hoernschemeyer, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Giuseppe Magüire, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Pasquale Tronolone, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Daniele Molloy, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Tommaso O'Hern, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Adriano Cadotte, of the diocese of Mont-Laurier.

Monsignor, 12th.

[*Latin ed. p. 878*]

Acta 878 Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary of the Archdiocese of 1959. Monsignor Raniero Riccardo Post, Utrecht. " Monsignor Michele J. Martin, of the Archdiocese of Dubuque. 24 " " Monsignor Maurizio L. Sheehy, of the same Archdiocese. " " " Monsignor Giovanni Giuseppe Oallanan, of the Diocese of Sale. " Monsignor Marion F. Forst, of the Archdiocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. August 7 " Monsignor Socrate Cardarelli, of the Diocese of Grosseto. " " " Monsignor Francesco Gentil da Costa, of the Diocese of Saint Petersburg. September 5 " Monsignor Emanuele de Almeida, of the Diocese of Lamego. " " " Monsignor Giacomo Tjkmár, of the Diocese of Trieste and Capodistria. " Monsignor Leonardo Cercone (Rome). 28 " October 23 " Monsignor Cirillo J. Vogel, of the Diocese of Greensburg. 30 " " Monsignor Guglielmo Carozzi, of the Diocese of Bergamo. July 3 Domestic Prelates of His Holiness: November 28, 1958. Monsignor Daniele Scimeca, of the Archdiocese of Palermo. January 12, 1959. Monsignor Arturo Gilbert, of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Monsignor Tommaso Hanrahan, of the Diocese of Christchurch. February 3 " Monsignor Luigi Benedetti (Rome). March G " Monsignor Angelo Martinelli (Rome). " " Monsignor Roberto Lyons, of the Archdiocese of Brisbane. 13 " Monsignor Giovanni Torpie, of the same Archdiocese. " " Monsignor Giacomo Monaghan, of the Archdiocese of Saint Andrews and Edinburgh. Monsignor Arnoldo I. Wibbert, of the Diocese of Fort Wayne. April 10 " May 8 Monsignor Antonio Gagnon, of the Archdiocese of Rimouski. Monsignor Filippo Saintonge, of the same Archdiocese. " " Monsignor Damaso Roy, of the Diocese of Saint John of Quebec. Monsignor

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Vincenzo Vandeleur, of the Diocese of Townsville. 29 Monsignor Giuseppe Bach, of the Diocese of Buffalo. June 5 Monsignor Alfonso Bernardo, of the same Diocese. ″ Monsignor Massimiliano Bogacki, of the same Diocese. Monsignor Pasquale Colagioia, of the same Diocese. ″ ″ Monsignor Michele Campbell, of the same Diocese. ″ ″ Monsignor Giacomo Donovai, of the same Diocese. ″ ″ Monsignor Martino Ebner, of the same Diocese. ″ ″ Monsignor Giacomo Ennis, of the same Diocese. Monsignor Edoardo Ferger, of the same Diocese. ″ Monsignor Francesco Growney, of the same Diocese. ″ ″ Monsignor Alfredo Hagemaier, of the same Diocese. ″ ″ ″ Monsignor Walter Heck, of the same Diocese. ″ ″ Monsignor Alberto Hoffmeyer, of the same Diocese. ″ Monsignor Carlo Kemp, of the same Diocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 879*]

Diarium Romanae Curiae, 5 Iunii.

[Numerous names are listed, followed by the titles ″Monsignor″ and ″of the diocese of...″ or ″of the archdiocese of...″. The names are listed in the order given, with the titles and locations as provided.]

Monsignor Kirby, Guglielmo, of the diocese of Buffalo.

Monsignor Kennedy, Giovanni, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Koch, Giorgio, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Geary, Leone, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Link, Leone, of the same diocese.

Monsignor McCabe, Felice, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Mellerski, Pietro, of the same diocese.

Monsignor O'Neill, Felice, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Ring, Timoteo, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Roche, Edoardo, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Schreckenberger, Carlo, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Selbert, Eugenio, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Solleder, Guglielmo, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Toomey, Leone, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Valente, Donato, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Wojciechowski, Ignazio, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Zimpfer, Giorgio, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Fitzgerald, Michele, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Mullaney, Giovanni, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Brzana, Stanislao, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Miller, Ralph, of the same diocese.

Monsignor Best, Giacomo A., of the Archdiocese of New York.

Monsignor Duggan, William B., of the same archdiocese.

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Monsignor Kane, Giovanni J., of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Kelly, Giovanni F., of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Kelly, Tommaso A., of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Moody, Giuseppe N., of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor O'Connor, William V., of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Pierce, Giovanni G., of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Shea, Daniele J., of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Stekart, Giovanni J., of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Me Cafferty, Giovanni E., of the diocese of Rochester.
Monsignor Hickey, Dennis W., of the same diocese.
Monsignor Cuffney, Giacomo D., of the same diocese.
Monsignor Whalen, Leslie G., of the same diocese.
Monsignor Schwab, Leone G., of the same diocese.
Monsignor Mason, Francesco M., of the same diocese.
Monsignor Schmitt, Giorgio J., of the same diocese.
Monsignor Parent, Fernando, of the diocese of Mont-Laurier.
Monsignor Rolwes, Giorgio William, of the diocese of New Ulm.
Monsignor Chittilapilly, Paolo, of the diocese of Trichur.
Monsignor Flanagan, Giuseppe P., of the Archdiocese of New York.
Monsignor Abel, Giorgio, of the Archdiocese of Québec.
Monsignor Fournièr, Ulrico, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Petit, Gedeone, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Tremblay, Giovanni, of the same archdiocese.
Monsignor Geraud, Giuseppe, of the Archdiocese of Lione.

[*Latin ed. p. 880*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 1959. The Most Reverend Ferdinand Leo Sassen, of the diocese of Ruremonda.

The Most Reverend Augustine Emilio Umberto Terstappen, of the same diocese.

The Most Reverend Peter John Van Odijk, of the same diocese.

The Most Reverend Edward Bryan, of the diocese of Geraldton.

The Most Reverend Owen O'Connor, of the same diocese.

The Most Reverend Hermann John Joseph Van Straelen, of the archdiocese of Utrecht.

The Most Reverend James Bennis, of the diocese of Monterey-Fresno.

The Most Reverend John Francis Durking, of the same diocese.

The Most Reverend Thomas Joseph Morahan, of the same diocese.

The Most Reverend Joseph Todarello, of the diocese of Gerace-Locri.

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The Most Reverend Thomas A. Drengacz, of the diocese of Marquette.
The Most Reverend Thomas P. Driscoll, of the diocese of Belleville.
The Most Reverend Louis P. Eli, of the same diocese.
The Most Reverend Wilfred Hanagan, of the same diocese.
The Most Reverend Joseph Orlet, of the same diocese.
The Most Reverend Francis Tecklenburg, of the same diocese.
The Most Reverend William Trombley, of the same diocese.
The Most Reverend John T. Martin, of the diocese of Natchez-Jackson.
The Most Reverend Thomas Edward Williams, of the same diocese.
The Most Reverend Louis E. Flohe, of the diocese of Grand Rapids.
The Most Reverend James P. Moran, of the same diocese.
The Most Reverend Cornelius L. Maloney, of the diocese of Atlanta.
The Most Reverend James T. Cotter, of the archdiocese of Boston.
The Most Reverend John F. Cuffe, of the same archdiocese.
The Most Reverend Francis M. Juras, of the same archdiocese.
The Most Reverend Philip J. Kearney, of the same archdiocese.
The Most Reverend Francis J. Lally, of the same archdiocese.
The Most Reverend Francis McElroy, of the same archdiocese.
The Most Reverend Francis S. Rossiter, of the same archdiocese.
The Most Reverend Francis J. Sexton, of the same archdiocese.
The Most Reverend Daniel F. Burke, of the same archdiocese.
The Most Reverend William J. Callahan, of the same archdiocese.
The Most Reverend Russell H. Davis, of the same archdiocese.
The Most Reverend Joseph P. Donelan, of the same archdiocese.
The Most Reverend Louis R. Finn, of the same archdiocese.
The Most Reverend Walter L. Flaherty, of the same archdiocese.
The Most Reverend John L. Frawley, of the same archdiocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 881*]

Year and Volume LI, No. 17, December 1959 (Series III, Vol. I) - No. 17. ACTA APOSOLICAE SEDIS. OFFICIAL COMMENTARY. ACTS OF POPE JOHN XXIII. APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTIONS. I. VERACRUZ - TEHUANTEPEC. From the Archdiocese of VERACRUZ and the Diocese of TEHUANTEPEC, with certain territories subtracted, a new diocese is established, named (SAINT ANDREW OF TUXTLA). JOHN, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, for the perpetual memory of the matter: To those flocks of Christian people entrusted to us, to be fed, governed, and guarded by the Supreme Shepherd of all men, we do not fail, so that the divine light of truth may shine more brightly for all, to define the ecclesiastical boundaries and to designate them more appropriately,

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whenever it seems to serve the greater good of the Christian community. Therefore, the Most Reverend Aloysius Raimondi, Archbishop with the title of Tarsus and Apostolic Delegate in the territory of MEXICO, having requested Us to establish a new diocese in that place, after the territories of the archdiocese of VERACRUZ and the diocese of TEHUANTEPEC have been divided, and considering that this is done for the greater good of souls, after having heard the Most Reverend Fathers Emmanuel Pius López Estrada, Archbishop of VERACRUZ, and Jesus Villarreal Fierro, Bishop of TEHUANTEPEC, and also obtaining the consent of all those who have some right in this matter or believe themselves to have it, by our supreme and apostolic authority - ACTA, Vol. I, No. 17. - December 17, 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 882*]

We hereby decree and command the following: From the archdiocese of Verae Crucis, we separate the following territories or municipalities, which are known by the common name of: Acula, Amatitlán, Ixmatlahuacan, Tlacotalpan, Saltabarranca, Lerdo de Tejada, and a part of the municipality of Cosamaloapan, which currently belongs to the aforementioned; and from the diocese of Tehuantepec, we separate the territories of the municipalities known as: Coatzacoalcos, Moloacán, Hidalgotitlán, Jáltipan de Morelos, Cosoleacaque, Texistepec, Oluta, Jésus Carranza, San Juan Evangelista, Mecayapan, Hueyapan de Ocampo, San Andrés Tuxtla, Playa Vicente, Chacaltianguis, Tlacojalpan, Angel E. Cabada, Chapopotla, Minatitlán, Zaragoza, Oteapan, Chinameca, Soconusco, Sayula, Acayucan, Soteapan, Pajapan, Catemaco, Santiago Tuxtla, Villa Azueta, Tuxtilla, and Otatitlán, and from all of these, we establish a new diocese, to be called Sancti Andreae de Tuxtla, and to be bounded by the same limits and territories from which it is formed. The boundaries of the constituted Church shall be: to the north, the Mexican Gulf; to the east, the dioceses of Tabasquensis and Chiapasensis; to the south, the diocese of Tehuantepecensis; and finally, to the west, the archdioceses of Verae Crucis and Antequerensis. The seat of the diocese and the residence of the Bishop shall be in the city called San Andrés Tuxtla; and the Bishop shall place the cathedral in the temple that exists there, dedicated to the honor of St. Andrew the Apostle; which we elevate to the rank and dignity of a cathedral church. We grant to this new Church all the rights that belong to dioceses, as well as to its sacred Prelate; who, moreover, will also bear the burdens proper to Bishops. Among these, it is fitting to note that he will be a suffragan of the metropolitan See of Verae Crucis, together with his own diocese. The Prelate of this new Church should take care to establish at least an elementary seminary for receiving boys who are called to the priesthood, according to the norms and laws of the Holy Congregation for Seminaries and Universities, and according to the

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prescriptions of civil law. When the young men have reached the age at which they must be imbued with philosophy and theology, the best among them shall be sent to Rome, to the Pontifical College Pianum Latin Americanum. Furthermore, he shall establish a Canonry, according to the norms of other documents to be published under seal, until such time as that is done; in the meantime, diocesan consultors shall be chosen, to assist the Bishop with their counsel and help, and who will relinquish their duties when the Canonry is established. The episcopal table, as it is called, shall be supported by the revenues of the Curia, by the donations of the faithful, and by a suitable portion of the goods of the new See, according to Canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law. Furthermore, with regard to the governance and administration of the diocese, an election-

[*Latin ed. p. 883*]

Decrees of Pope John XXIII, 883, concerning the vicariate capitular, the vacancy of the see, and other similar matters, shall be observed according to the laws of the sacred canons. Concerning the clergy, We decree that priests shall be assigned to that Church in which they hold an office or benefice; and others shall be assigned to that place where they legitimately reside. Finally, all acts and documents pertaining in any way to the new circumscription shall be sent as soon as possible to its episcopal curia, where they shall be religiously preserved in the archives. Furthermore, Our venerable brother Aloysius Raimondi, whom We mentioned, shall take care to execute these Our mandates, to whom We grant all the powers necessary to carry out these matters. He may also delegate another man, provided that he is a priest. When the business is completed, the documents and acts shall be drawn up and sent as soon as possible to the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory, with faithful copies. If, at the time of execution, another Apostolic Nuncio is serving in the Mexican vicariate, he shall carry out all that We have ordered. We will and desire that these letters be effective now and in the future, so that those to whom they pertain shall religiously observe what has been decreed by them, and thus they shall obtain their full force. Nothing, of any kind, shall be able to oppose the effectiveness of these letters, since by these letters We annul all that is contrary to them. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, it shall not be permitted to anyone to alter or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a man established in ecclesiastical dignity, and which are signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented. Let all know that if anyone shall despise or in any way reject Our decrees in general, he shall incur the penalties established by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the third and

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twentieth day of the month of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-ninth, in the first year of Our pontificate. JAMES A. Card. COPELLO, $ß MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory, S. R. E. Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancellor, Bernardus De Felicis, Apostolic Protonotary, Albertus Serafini, Apostolic Protonotary.

[*Latin ed. p. 884*]

884 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary II. DELHI AND SIMLA (SIMLA), AFTER THE SEPARATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORIES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DELHI AND SIMLA, A NEW DIOCESE IS ESTABLISHED, TO BE CALLED SIMLA. JOHN, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE OF THE INDIAN PEOPLE, WHO ARE MARKED BY GREAT GLORY, VARIED MONUMENTS, A RENOWNED RELIGION, AND, IN GENERAL, BY THE WISDOM AND NOBLE TEACHING OF SO MANY MEN, NOW THAT THE BRIGHT AND SPLENDID LIGHT OF CHRISTIAN TRUTH HAS SHONE FORTH AMONG THEM, AS IT ALWAYS DOES, IF IT REMAINS IN THE LIVES, INSTITUTIONS, AND CUSTOMS OF PEOPLES, TO MOVE EXCELLENT PEOPLES AND NATIONS, AND ALSO BECAUSE OUR FAITH, WITH GOD'S GRACE, HAS BEGUN TO INCREASE GREATLY THERE. A TESTIMONY AND A PROSPEROUS OMEN OF THIS ARE THE PETITIONS PRESENTED TO US, SO THAT WE MIGHT ESTABLISH A NEW DIOCESE IN THAT PLACE. SINCE THIS IS SO, AFTER HEARING THE OPINION OF OUR VENERABLE BROTHERS, THE CARDINALS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH, PRESIDING IN THE SACRED CONGREGATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH; AND AFTER THE OPINION WAS SOUGHT FROM THE VENERABLE BROTHERS JAMES ROBERT KNOX, ARCHBISHOP WITH THE TITLE OF MELITENE AND APOSTOLIC INTERNUNCIUS IN INDIA, AND JOSEPH ALEXANDER FERNANDES, ARCHBISHOP OF DELHI AND SIMLA, AND AFTER THE MATTER WAS JUDGED TO BE GOOD, BY OUR SUPREME AND APOSTOLIC AUTHORITY WE DECREE AND ORDER THE FOLLOWING. FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DELHI AND SIMLA, WE SEPARATE THE REGIONS, OR DISTRICTS, AS THEY ARE CALLED, WHICH ARE KNOWN TO THE COMMON PEOPLE BY THE NAMES: AMBALA, PATALA, KARNAL, AND THAT PART OF THE DISTRICT OF KANGRA WHICH DOES NOT BELONG TO THE APOSTOLIC PREFECTURE OF JULLUNDUR, ALL OF WHICH TERRITORIES ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE BORDERS OF PUNJAB; FURTHERMORE, WE SEPARATE THE CIVIL DISTRICTS OF MANDI, BILASPUR, MAHASU, AND SIRMUR (OR SARMOUR), WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THE TERRITORY OF HIMACHAL PRADESH. TO THESE DISTRICTS, WE ESTABLISH A

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NEW DIOCESE, NAMED SIMLA, OF WHICH THE CITY OF SIMLA WILL BE THE SEAT, IN WHICH THE BISHOP WILL PLACE HIS SEAT AND RESIDENCE, THE CATHEDRAL TO BE LOCATED AT.

[*Latin ed. p. 885*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, numbered 885, concern the church of Saint Michael and Saint Joseph, located in the same city, which has hitherto been the cathedral of the archdiocese of Delhi and Simla, and which will henceforth serve as the cathedral of the new diocese, with all its rights and privileges. The new metropolitan area of the Church of Delhi will be a suffragan; furthermore, its Ordinary will obey the Archbishop of the same archdiocese. The Bishop, to whom the administration of the diocese is entrusted, shall establish at least an elementary seminary, and shall constitute a College of Canons; if this cannot be done immediately, he may, for the time being, choose diocesan consultants; who will cease from their office when the Canons are appointed. He shall provide for the episcopal table, which includes: goods that come to the diocese from Simla, according to canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law; revenues of the curia; contributions of the faithful; and money that the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith is accustomed to send. The governance and administration of the diocese, the election of a Vicar Capitular in the event of a vacancy, and similar matters, shall be regulated by Canon Law. Finally, all documents and acts pertaining to the established diocese shall be promptly sent to its episcopal curia, and shall be kept there with due care. Furthermore, all of these things which we have commanded shall be carried out by the Venerable Brother, the Apostolic Delegate in India, or by whomever he may designate, after the necessary authorities have been obtained for this purpose. Moreover, he should strive to have the same documents drawn up, and he should send true copies of them to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith as soon as possible. If, however, someone else should preside over the same Apostolic Delegation at the time of execution, he shall carry out our instructions. We intend these letters to be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those for whom these things are intended shall observe religiously what has been decreed in them, and thus they shall have full effect. No prescriptions of any kind shall be able to be contrary to the effectiveness of these letters, since by these letters we derogate from all such things. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of the person holding the highest ecclesiastical dignity, and which are signed by a public notary, shall have the same full force and effect as if they were presented. If anyone should disregard these Our decrees in

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general...

[*Latin ed. p. 886*]

Let those who, in any way, criticize the Acts of the Apostolic See, know that they will incur the penalties established by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Boma, near St. Peter's, on the fourth day of June, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-nine, in the first year of Our Pontificate.

JAMES A. Card. COPELLO

PETER Card. FUMASONI BIONDI

Secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith

Hamletus Tondini, Regent of the Apostolic Chancery

Bernardus De Felicis, Apostolic Protonotary

Albertus Serafini, Apostolic Protonotary

In the Apostolic Cane, table C, number 8/f. III

NGOZI – KITEGA (USUMBURA)

A NEW VICARIATE IS FOUND, NAMED JOHN, FROM TERRITORIES TAKEN FROM THE APOSTOLIC VICARIATES OF NGOZI AND KITEGA.

THE BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE

Having considered that it is deemed most opportune and fitting to establish a new ecclesiastical division within the Apostolic Vicariates of Ngozi and Kitega, which are divided in the Urundica territory, and which have been entrusted to African missionaries, in order that the faithful of Christ in those places may receive the assistance they need, and that the indigenous clergy may be worthy of praise; and wishing to grant what that Congregation desires, after having heard the venerable Fathers Alfred Brunier, Archbishop with the title of Claudiopolitan, in Honoriade, and already Apostolic Delegate in Ruanda Urundi and the Belgian Congo; and Joseph Martin, Apostolic Vicar of Ngozi, at-

[*Latin ed. p. 887*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, 887, concerning Anthony Grauls, the Apostolic Vicar of Gitega, regarding the following matters, we decree and command: We separate from the Apostolic Vicariate of Ngozi the entire region belonging to the administrative territory of Bubanza; and also from the Apostolic Vicariate of Gitega, the entire region which includes the administrative territory of TJsumbura, and a part of the administrative territory of Muramvya, encompassing the missions of Bukeye, in Muramvya, and

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Kiganda; from all of these, we establish a new Apostolic Vicariate, to be called Usumbura, and entrust it to the care of the indigenous priests mentioned above. To this new ecclesiastical jurisdiction, we grant all the rights customary to Apostolic Vicariates; likewise, we consider it subject to the same obligations. We also entrust to the sacred ministers chosen from the local inhabitants the care, governance, and administration of the TJsumbura Vicariate, under our authority and that of the Apostolic See, and we earnestly exhort them to spare no effort, with a view solely to the glory of God, so that they may promote the interests of the Christian religion with the utmost diligence and labor. Furthermore, we wish that these our letters be carried out by the venerable brother, whom we mentioned, the Apostolic Delegate in Ruanda, Urundi, and Belgian Congo, or by whomever he may designate, taking the necessary steps to accomplish this. When the matter has been completed, he will order the drafting of documents, and he will promptly send copies of these documents to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. If, at that time, another person presides over the same Delegation, he will strive to carry out our mandates. We wish these letters to be effective now and in the future, so that those to whom they pertain will religiously observe what has been decreed therein, and thus obtain their full effect. Nothing, of any kind, can be contrary to the effectiveness of these letters, since, through these letters, we repeal all contrary prescriptions. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what we have decreed, we command that such action be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to alter or corrupt these documents expressing our will; rather, copies of these letters, whether printed or handwritten, bearing the seal of a person of standing in ecclesiastical dignity, and signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were presented. If anyone should disregard or in any way contravene these our decrees in general,

[*Latin ed. p. 888*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See – the official record – should make it known that those who have not obeyed the orders of the Supreme Pontiffs will incur the penalties established by law. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the eleventh day of the month of June, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-nine, in the first year of Our Pontificate. JAMES A. Cardinal COPELLO, PETER Cardinal FUMASONI BIONDI, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, Hamletus Tondini, Regent of the Apostolic Chancery, Albertus Serafini, Apostolic Protonotary, Caesar Federici, Apostolic Protonotary. *Loco* © Plumbi, *In Ap. Cane, tab.*, vol. CI, n. 2. IV. OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS (WESTERN SOLOMON ISLANDS). CERTAIN TERRITORIES ARE DEDUCTED FROM THE VICARIATES OF THE NORTHERN AND

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SOUTHERN SOLOMON ISLANDS, UPON WHICH A NEW VICARIATE IS ESTABLISHED, TO BE CALLED THE "WESTERN SOLOMON ISLANDS." JOHN, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE of the kingdom of Christ, which is the Church, as well as the Spirit by which it is animated and informed, has no limits to its expansion; rather, according to the provision of the Son of God, it will always extend its boundaries so that peoples and nations may be subject to the unchangeable truth, and so that the anxieties of men may be illuminated by heavenly light, and so that they may be led to the eternal shores, restraining the immoderate love of earthly things and quickening the study of heavenly things in their souls. A clear proof of this is the progress of the Catholic faith in the Solomon Islands; in which the Christian name has gained such happy growth, that the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, after hearing...

[*Latin ed. p. 889*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 889: It has been decided to appoint the venerable Brother Romulus Carboni, Archbishop with the titular see of Sidon, and also Apostolic Delegate to Australia, New Zealand, and Oceania, to establish a new Apostolic Vicariate in that part of the world. Therefore, after careful consideration and with the consent of those who have a right to be consulted in this matter, we, by our supreme and apostolic authority, decree and order the following. We separate the islands of the Apostolic Vicariate of the Solomon Islands, namely: those commonly called Treasury, Shortlands, and Choiseul, and their neighboring islands, as well as Otong Java and its neighboring islands; and also the islands of Santa Isabel and its neighboring islands, and New Georgia and its neighboring islands, from the Apostolic Vicariate of the Solomon Islands. We hereby establish a new Apostolic Vicariate within these territories, to be called the Apostolic Vicariate of the Western Solomon Islands, to be governed by members of the Order of Preachers, under our authority and that of the Apostolic See. We grant this new ecclesiastical jurisdiction all the rights that are customarily granted to Apostolic Vicariates; likewise, we decree regarding its obligations. We paternally exhort the members of the Order of Preachers to, with a view to the glory of God and in accordance with the excellent principles of their Society, omit nothing that is necessary to make the Solomon Islands, which are so fertile and abundant, truly rich in Christian people. Furthermore, we wish that the venerable Brother Romulus Carboni, or someone he designates, take care of the execution of these documents, and that he be provided with the necessary means to carry out this task. When the matter has been completed, he will order the drafting of documents, and he will promptly send copies of these documents to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. If, at that time, someone else is in charge of the same Delegation, he will strive to ensure

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that all of our mandates are carried out. We intend these documents to be effective now and in the future, so that those to whom they pertain will religiously observe what has been decreed therein, and thus give them full effect. Nothing, of any kind, that is contrary to the effectiveness of these documents shall be able to prevail, since by these documents we derogate from all such things. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what we have decreed, we declare that such action is entirely null and void. Furthermore, no one is permitted to alter or corrupt these documents expressing our will; rather, copies of these documents, whether printed or handwritten, bearing the seal of someone of standing in ecclesiastical dignity, and signed by a public notary, shall have the same validity as if they were the original documents.

[*Latin ed. p. 890*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentary 890. It should be made clear that anyone who, whether by disdain or in any other way, disregards Our decrees, knows that he will incur the penalties established by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the eleventh day of the month of June, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-ninth, in the first year of Our Pontificate.

IACOBUS A. Card. COPELLO

PETRUS Card. FUMASONI BIONDI

S. R. E.
Cancellarius
S. C. de Prop. Fide
Praefectus
Hamletus Tondini
Apostolicam Cancellariam Regens
Bernardus De Felicis, Proton. Apost.
Caesar Federici, Proton. Apost.
Loco 83
Plumbi In Ap. Cane, tab., vol. 100, n. 88.

V. PORTUS ALEXII ET VEVAKENSIS (GOROKAENSIS, MONTIS HAGENSIS, LAËNSIS)

Certain territories detached from the Apostolic Vicariates of Portus Alexii and Vevakensis, new Apostolic Vicariates are established, which are named (GOROKAENSIS, MONTIS HAGENSIS, LAËNSIS).

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EPISCOPUS

SERVUS SERVORUM DEI

For perpetual remembrance:

The prophetic voice: "Ask of me, and I will give thee the nations for thy inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession; that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, am he that doth sanctify Israel." (Psalm 11, 8).

[*Latin ed. p. 891*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 891, concerning the growth of the Catholic faith, it having been deemed necessary to establish new dioceses in those places. Therefore, having received the petitions of the venerable Brother Bomu Ji Carboni, holding the title of Archbishop of Sidon and Apostolic Delegate for Australia, New Zealand, and Oceania, and after due consideration of the matter, We, with Our supreme and apostolic authority, decree and order the following: We separate from the Vicariate of Port Moresby the civil district, commonly called Eastern Highlands, and we establish a new Vicariate, to be called Goroka, entrusting it to the care of the Society of the Divine Word. Furthermore, we separate from the Vicariates of Wewak and Port Moresby the civil district known as Western Highlands, and from this we establish a new Vicariate, to be called Mount Hagen, to be governed by the same religious. Finally, we separate from the Vicariate of Port Moresby the civil district called Morobe, and within that territory we establish another Vicariate, to be called Lae, to be administered by the religious of Mariannhill, under Our guidance and that of this Apostolic See. We also deem it fitting to do the same with the two remaining Apostolic Vicariates. We grant to these established jurisdictions and their prelates the rights and impose upon them the obligations that are customarily granted and imposed upon others, according to the laws contained in Canon Law. Moreover, all of these things which We have ordered shall be carried out by the venerable Brother Romulus Carboni, or by whomever he may delegate, with the necessary powers. Once the matter is completed, he will cause the necessary documents to be drawn up, and he will promptly send true copies to the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. If, at the time of execution, another person presides over the same Apostolic Delegation, he shall carry out these precepts of Ours. We intend that these documents be effective now and in the future, so that those to whom they pertain may observe religiously what has been decreed therein, and thus obtain their full effect. No prescriptions of any kind shall be able to be contrary to the effectiveness of these documents, since by these documents We repeal all others. Therefore, if anyone, with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We order that it

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be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, it is not permitted to anyone to alter or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these documents, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person of standing in ecclesiastical dignity, and which are signed by a public notary, shall have the same full force and effect as if they were presented. If anyone should disregard these Our decrees in any way.

[*Latin ed. p. 892*]

Acts of the Apostolic See 892 – Whoever, in any way, shall disparage this, let him know that he will incur the penalties established by law, those who have not obeyed the orders of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the twelfth day of the month of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine, in the first year of Our Pontificate. JAMES A. Cardinal COPELLO PETER Cardinal FUMASONI BIONDI, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, Hamletus Tondini, Regent of the Apostolic Chancery, Bernardus De Felicis, Apostolic Protonotary, Albertus Serafini, Apostolic Protonotary. In the Apostolic Chancery, in the register *ffî Plumbi*, book C, number 93. FROM THE DIOCESE OF SONORA (CITY OF OBREGÓN), CERTAIN TERRITORIES ARE DETACHED, A NEW DIOCESE IS ESTABLISHED, TO BE CALLED (CITY OF OBREGÓN). JOHN, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE OF THIS EVENT. Whereas the venerable Brother Aloisius Raimondi, Archbishop with the title of Tarsus and Apostolic Delegate in the Mexican Prefecture, had requested that a new diocese be established from a portion of the Diocese of Sonora, which is extensive, We, considering this to be beneficial to the faithful of Christ, after hearing the venerable Brother John Navarrete and Guerrero, Bishop of the Church of Sonora, and after due deliberation, by Our supreme and apostolic authority, We establish and order the following: From the territory of the See of Sonora, We separate that part which contains the municipalities commonly known as: Ciudad Obregón (formerly Cajeme), Guaymas, Bácum, Navojoa, Etchojoa, Huatabampo, Alamos, Quiriego, Rosario, Yécora, Onavas, La Colorada, San Javier, Mazatán, Villa Pesqueira, Suaqui Grande, Sahuaripa, Bacanora, Soyopa, Arivechi, Batuc, San Pedro de la Cueva, Teoupa, Suaqui, Moctezuma, Tepache, Divisaderos, Cumpas, Granados, Huasábas, Opu-

[*Latin ed. p. 893*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 893, concerning Bacadéhuachi, Nácori Chico, Bácerac, Bavispe, Empalme, and Huachineras. With these lands, We establish a new diocese, to be called the Diocese of Ciudad Obregón, and its boundaries shall be defined by those same lands and the municipalities from which it is formed. Therefore, the boundaries of the new See shall extend: to the north, to the Diocese of Sonora; to the east, to the Diocese

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of Ciudad Juárez and the Apostolic Vicariate of Tarahumara; to the south, again to the Diocese of Sonora and the Gulf of Baja California. The seat of the new Church and the residence of the Bishop shall be the city known by the people as Ciudad Obregón; in this city, the sacred Prelate shall establish the chair of his authority, namely, in the temple dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, which We shall elevate to the dignity of a cathedral. We grant to this Diocese of Ciudad Obregón all those rights, honors, and privileges which, by common law, belong to dioceses; the same We say of its Bishop, to whom We also impose the burdens of the episcopal office. Among these things, it is fitting to remember that these shall be subject to the Metropolitan See of Chihuahua and shall be suffragan. The Ordinary of this new jurisdiction shall establish at least an elementary seminary, and shall constitute a group of Canons. However, if this cannot be done at present, he shall appoint advisors from the diocese who will assist with counsel and aid. When the Canons are appointed, they shall cease from their previous duties. Furthermore, We decree that, once these documents are put into effect, those priests who hold a benefice or office in the established diocese shall be considered to belong to it; other clerics shall have their legitimate domicile in it. The episcopal table shall be established: the goods which shall come to the Diocese of Ciudad Obregón, according to Canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law, shall include the offerings of the people, the revenues of the episcopal curia. As for its governance, administration, the election of a Capitular Vicar in the event of a vacancy, and other matters of this kind, all common laws shall be observed. Finally, the acts and documents pertaining to this Church shall be sent to Us as soon as possible, and shall be religiously kept in the archives of the curia. Moreover, We wish that our venerable brother Aloysius Raimondi shall take care to carry out these orders, or whoever he shall designate, with the necessary powers. When he has carried out this business, he shall order that documents be drawn up and that faithful copies be sent to the Sacred Congregation for the Consistory. If, at that time, another person presides over this Delegation in the Mexican territory, he shall carry out our mandates. We wish these documents to be effective now and in the future; in such a way that those things which have been decreed by them shall be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their full force. Nothing, of any kind, shall be able to impede the effectiveness of these documents.

[*Latin ed. p. 894*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 894, with these letters, We abolish all things. Therefore, if anyone, endowed with any authority, knowingly or unknowingly, acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it be declared entirely null and void. Furthermore, no one is permitted to divide or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather,

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the copies of these letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person holding an ecclesiastical office, and which have been signed by a public notary, shall have the same full force and effect as if they were presented in person, as would be the case with these very documents. Whoever in any way disregards or rejects Our decrees in general, let him know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the twentieth day of the month of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine, in the first year of Our pontificate. JAMES A. Cardinal COPELLO, f£ MARCELLUS Cardinal MIMMI, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory, Most Reverend and Blessed. Hamletus Tondini, Regent of the Apostolic Chancery. Bernardus De Felicis, Apostolic Protonotary. Albertus Serafini, Apostolic Protonotary. In the Apostolic Chancery Register, volume C, number 100. VII SS. CONCEPTIONIS - TEMUCENSIS (S. MARIAE ANGELORUM) BY MEANS OF TERRITORIES TAKEN FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SS. CONCEPTION AND THE DIOCESE OF TEMUCENSIS, A NEW DIOCESE IS FOUNDED, NAMED ((SANCTAE MARIAE ANGELORUM)). JOHN, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD, FOR THE PERPETUAL COMMEMORATION OF THIS EVENT, since the most serious duty of all men, which is to lead others to salvation, has been divinely entrusted to Us, We diligently strive to ensure that, through a more appropriate arrangement of dioceses, the good of the Christian faithful may be promoted. Therefore, with Our venerable Brother Sebastian Baggio, Archbishop with the title of Ephesus, and formerly an Apostle in Chile,

[*Latin ed. p. 895*]

The acts of Pope John XXIII, 895: The Apostolic Nuncio, having urged us to establish a new ecclesiastical jurisdiction in the areas detached from the Sees of the Most Holy Conception and Temuco, and considering that this would be of great benefit to the people, we, most willingly granting his request, after hearing the venerable Fathers Alfred Silva Santiago, Archbishop of the Most Holy Conception, and Alexander Mencheca Lira, Bishop of Temuco, and after receiving the opinion of our venerable Brothers, the Cardinals, Prefects of the Consistorial Congregations, concerning matters of the highest and most apostolic importance, by our authority, which follows, we decree and command the following: We separate the entire territory of the civil province commonly called Biobío from the archdiocese of the Most Holy Conception; and from the diocese of Temuco, the territory which is commonly called the Department of Collipulli, located in the civil province commonly called Malleco; and from these, we establish a new diocese, named the Holy Mary of the Angels, whose boundaries shall be as follows: to the north, the archdiocese

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of the Most Holy Conception; to the east, the Republic of Strasbourg; to the south and west, the archdiocese of the Most Holy Conception and the diocese of Temuco. We desire that the seat of the new diocese and the Bishop's cathedral be in the city called Los Angeles; and that a cathedral church be established there, dedicated to Saint Michael the Archangel; which we raise to the rank and dignity of a principal church. We grant to the Church of the Holy Mary of the Angels all the rights that belong to dioceses, as well as to its sacred Prelate; who shall also bear the burdens proper to Bishops. It is also fitting to note that this Bishop, together with his diocese, shall be a suffragan of the metropolitan See of the Most Holy Conception. We command the sacred Prelate of the diocese to ensure that at least an elementary seminary is established for the reception of boys who are called to the priestly dignity, according to the norms and laws of the Holy Congregation for Seminaries and Universities, and according to the statutes of civil law. When the young men have reached the age at which they must be imbued with philosophical and theological disciplines, those who are most worthy shall be sent to Rome, to the Pontifical College for Latin American students. Furthermore, a College of Canons shall be established, according to the norms of other letters to be issued under the seal; until that is done, diocesan consultors shall be chosen, to assist the Bishop with their counsel and aid. These consultors shall cease from their duties when the College of Canons is established. The episcopal table, as it is called, shall be provided by the revenues of the Curia, through donations of money given by the faithful, and a fitting portion of the goods of the new See shall be allocated, according to canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law. Furthermore, concerning the government and administration of the diocese, for the election of a Capitular Vicar, the See is va-

[*Latin ed. p. 896*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 896, and other similar matters, the laws of the sacred canons shall be observed. Concerning the clergy, We decree that priests shall be assigned to that Church in which they hold an office or benefice; and others shall be assigned to that Church in which they legitimately reside. Finally, all acts and documents pertaining to the new circumscription shall be sent as soon as possible to its episcopal curia, where they shall be diligently preserved in the archives. The execution of these mandates shall be overseen by the venerable Brother Opilius Rossi, Archbishop with the title of Ancyra, and formerly Apostolic Nuncio in the Republic of Ohiliana, to whom We grant all the necessary faculties to carry out this task. He may also delegate another man, provided that he is a priest of distinguished character. Upon completion of the task, the documents and acts shall be drawn up and sent promptly to the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory, with faithful copies. If, during the execution of these matters, another person presides over the same Nunciature,

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he shall carry out all that We have commanded. We will and desire that these Letters be effective now and in the future; so that those things which have been decreed through them shall be religiously observed by those to whom they pertain, and thus obtain their full force. No prescriptions of any kind shall be able to be contrary to the effectiveness of these Letters, since through these Letters We derogate from all such things. Therefore, if anyone, whether endowed with authority or not, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that it shall be considered entirely null and void. Furthermore, it shall be permitted to no one to divide or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the copies of these Letters, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a man established in ecclesiastical dignity, and which are signed by a public notary, shall have the same full force and effect as if they were presented. Whoever in any way disregards or rejects Our decrees in general, let him know that he shall incur the penalties established by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, on the twentieth day of the month of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five, in the first year of Our Pontificate. JAMES A. Card. COPELLO © MARCELLUS Card. MIMMI S. B. E. Prefect of the Secretariate of the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory. Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Secretary. Albertus Serafini, Protonotary Apostolic. Caesar Federici, Substitute of the Sacred Congregation. In Ap. Cane, tab., vol. CI, n. 1. Protonotary Apostolic.

[*Latin ed. p. 897*]

Decree concerning the suppression of a Prefecture and the erection of two new Dioceses (Campo Mourão - Toledo in Brazil).

John, by the grace of God, Pope, to all the faithful.

From Foz de Iguassú, two new dioceses are to be established from the territory of the Prefecture "of no one."

John, Your Holiness's servant, to Foz de Iguassú. With the perpetual memory of God in mind, the Most Reverend Armandus Lombardi, Archbishop with the title of Caesarea Philippi, and Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of Brazil, considered it most opportune for the good of souls that two new dioceses be established from the territory of the Prefecture "of no one" of Foz de Iguassú. And after consulting with the sacred pastors of the ecclesiastical province of Curitiba, he requested that this be done by this Apostolic See. We, therefore, with the advice of our Venerable Brothers, the Cardinals who preside over the Sacred Consistory, and with the full extent of Our authority, and with the consent of those who have or believe they have some right in this matter, decree and order the following.

We completely suppress the Prefecture "of no one" of Foz de Iguassú. And from a portion of its territory, which lies to the north and includes the civil municipalities commonly known as Campo Mourão, Araruna,

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Cianorte, Cruzeiro d'Oeste, Engenheiro Beltrâo, GoioErê, Jussará, Manuel Ribas, Peabirú, Pitanga, Rondón, Terra Boa, we establish a new diocese, to be called Campo Mourão, with the same boundaries and municipalities from which it is formed.

Furthermore, from another portion of the territory of the same Prefecture "of no one," which lies to the south and includes the civil municipalities commonly known as Cascavel, Foz do Iguaçii, Guaira, Guaraniaçu, Laranjeiras do Sul, Toledo, and the civil districts, as they are called, commonly known as Marquimho and Cantagalo, and a portion of the civil district called Goioxim, belonging to the civil municipality of Guarapuava, we establish another diocese, to be called Toledo in Brazil, with the same boundaries and municipalities and districts that we have mentioned from which it is formed.

We decree that the seat and the residence of the Bishop of the Diocese of Campo Mourão shall be in the city called Campo Mourão.

[*Latin ed. p. 898*]

The Apostolic See's official record: A cathedral shall be established there, a church to be completed nearby and dedicated to God in honor of Saint Joseph, the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and we raise it to the rank and dignity of a principal church. The seat of the diocese of Toledo in Brazil, and the bishop's residence, shall be located in the city commonly called Toledo; and there shall be a cathedral church, to be constructed there, in honor of Christ the King, and we likewise raise it to the rank and dignity of a principal church. We grant to the prelates of these churches all rights, impose obligations upon them, we constitute them as suffragan bishops, along with their respective dioceses, and subject them to the metropolitan jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Curitiba. We decree that in each diocese a college of canons shall be established, according to the norms of other similar institutions, to be established by a forthcoming document; until that time, diocesan consultors shall be chosen, to assist the bishop with their counsel and aid. These consultors shall cease from their duties with the establishment of the college of canons. The bishops of Campo Mourão and Toledo in Brazil, burdened with a grave responsibility, shall see to it that at least a preparatory seminary is built to receive boys who are called to the priesthood, according to the norms and laws of the Holy Congregation for Seminaries and Universities, and according to the statutes of common law. Furthermore, when young men are to be instructed in philosophical and theological disciplines, those who are most outstanding shall be sent to the Pontifical College in Pindamonhanguaba, Brazil. The episcopal table, as it is called, shall be provided by the revenues of the curia, by collections from the faithful, by sums given by the civil government, and by a suitable portion of the assets of the new dioceses, according to canon 1500 of the Code of Canon Law. Concerning the clergy, we decree that priests shall

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be attached to that church in which they legitimately hold an office or benefice; and others shall be attached to that diocese in which they legitimately reside. With regard to the administration and governance of the dioceses, the laws of the sacred canons shall be observed for the election of a Capitular Vicar when the see is vacant, and for other matters of this kind. Finally, all acts and documents pertaining to these new divisions shall be sent to the episcopal curia, to be carefully preserved in the archives. Our venerable brother Armandus Lombardi, whom we mentioned earlier, shall see to it that these mandates are carried out, and we grant him all powers to do so. He may also delegate another man, provided that he is a priest of distinguished merit. Upon completion of the task, the documents and acts shall be drawn up and sent to the Sacred Congregation for the Consistory, along with authentic copies. If, during the execution of these matters, another person presides over this nunciature, he shall carry out all that we have commanded. We will and order that these letters be effective now and in the future.

[*Latin ed. p. 899*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 899, are to be observed with religious care by those to whom they pertain, so that they may have full effect. No prescriptions of any kind can be contrary to the efficacy of these documents, since through these documents we abolish all others. Therefore, if anyone, whether endowed with authority or not, knowingly or unknowingly acts contrary to what We have decreed, We command that such action be declared entirely null and void. Furthermore, no one is permitted to tear or corrupt these documents of Our will; rather, the same faith is to be given to copies of these documents, whether printed or handwritten, which bear the seal of a person of standing in ecclesiastical dignity, and which have been signed by a public notary, as would be given to the original documents themselves, if they were presented. Whoever in any way disregards or rejects Our decrees in general should know that he will incur the penalties prescribed by law for those who have not obeyed the commands of the Supreme Pontiffs. Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the twentieth day of the month of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine, in the first year of Our pontificate. James A. Cardinal Copello, and Marcellus Cardinal Mimmi, of the Holy Roman Church, Chancellor of the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory, from the Secret Archives. Hamletus Tondini, Apostolic Chancellor. Albertus Serafini, Apostolic Protonotary. James Martin, Apostolic Protonotary, supra. Place: In Ap. Cane, tab., vol. CI, n. 18. APOSTOLIC LETTERS: To the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, invoked as the Mother of Good Counsel, and as "Our Golden Lady" (vulgo, "Goldene Madonna"), she is chosen as the principal celestial patron of the entire Diocese of Essen. Pope John XXIII, for the perpetual memory of the matter. In the city of Essen, a populous place where many arts are practiced

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and where business flourishes greatly, the Blessed Virgin has a venerable and noble seat, as if to call her children from the magnitude of worldly affairs to the service of religion.

[*Latin ed. p. 900*]

900 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - The Commentary officially establishes and elevates the spirits of those who venerate it to things immortal and eternal. In this dwelling place of piety, to which the honor of the principal temple has been added, the image of the Virgin Augusta is displayed prominently, which is commonly called "Goldene Madonna," that is, "Our Lady of Aurea." This work, skillfully crafted and piously preserved through the ages, dates back to the times when the abbess of the monastery, which was formerly connected to this sacred building, held the governance of Essen. The Virgin Mary, the Mother of good counsel, was the patron saint of this community of devoted virgins from its very beginning. So that the flock entrusted to her might enjoy the abundant protection of this most merciful and sweet Mother, the Venerable Father Franciscus Hengsbach, Bishop of Essen, who entrusted this diocese to the faith and protection of the Divine Mother after it was established by the authority of Pope Pius XI, our predecessor of blessed memory, requested that we declare the Blessed Virgin Mary, with the names mentioned above, the heavenly patroness of his jurisdiction. With these requests gladly received, We, after consulting with the Sacred Congregation of Rites, with certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Apostolic power, by these letters, forever establish and declare the Blessed Virgin Mary, by the name of the Mother of good counsel and "Our Lady of Aurea," or, as they commonly call her, "Goldene Madonna," as the principal patroness before God of the entire diocese of Essen, with all the honors and liturgical privileges that rightly belong to the principal patrons of dioceses. Contrary to anything to the contrary, notwithstanding. We decree, establish, and decide that these present letters shall remain firm, valid, and effective forever; that they shall have and obtain their full and complete effect; and that those to whom they pertain, now and in the future, shall fully benefit from them; and that they shall be rightly judged and defined; and that they shall be declared void from this moment and null and void if anything contrary to these should be attempted by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, with any authority whatsoever. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, under the Fisherman's ring, on the eighth day of the month of July, in the year 1956, in the first year of Our pontificate. D. Card. TARDINI, Prefect of the Public Affairs of the Church.

[*Latin ed. p. 901*]

Acta Ioannis PP. XXIII, 901. II. BASILICAE MINORIS HONORIBUS AFFICITUR. TEMPLUM DEO IN HONOREM S. TERESIAE A IESU INFANTE ANTII, DIOECESIS ALBANENSIS, DICATUM. IOANNES PP.

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XXIII. Ad perpetuam rei memoriam. — Eosas caelitus spargens mortalium generi, suavissima sponsa Christi, Sancta Teresia a Iesu Infante Antii, in prospectu caerulei maris Tyrrheni, habet constitutam sedem nobilemque, quam templum dicimus, quod nationis Italicae sacrarium eidem dicatum habetur. Quod, « Romanica », ut appellatur, architectandi ratione exstructum, cum Sacrum Principatum obtineret Pius PP. X I, Decessor Noster fel., qui et aram maximam dono dedit, pulchritudinem prae se fert cum maiestate coniunctam. Habent ibi, praeter alia memorabilia, admirationem marmora variis coloribus refulgentia, opera musiva eleganti manu confecta, sacra supellex pretiosis vestita metallis, praesertim vas ex auro et argento, quo pars reliquiarum Lexoviensis virginis huius continetur. Neque praetermittendum est plurimos e Latio Christifideles, maxime verno tempore et aestate, gregatim eo accedere, ut lectissimae Caelitis patrocinium expetant, memores praesidii, quo eadem, cum circumquaque bellum fureret, in hoc Antiatino religionis domicilio supplicum turbam obtexerit. Preces igitur ad Nos admotae sunt, ut templum, tot laudibus insignem, Basilicae Minoris nomine ac iure pro Nostra benignitate donaremus. Quae vota, Venerabilis Fratris Nostri Iosephi Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae Cardinalis Pizzardo, Albanensis Episcopi, ampla commendatione suffulta, libenti animo statuimus implere. Quae cum ita sint, Nos, ex Sacrae Rituum Congregationis consulto, certa scientia ac matura deliberatione Nostra deque Apostolicae potestatis plenitudine, harum Litterarum vi perpetuumque in modum templum Deo in honorem Sanctae Teresiae a Iesu Infante Antii, intra Albanensis dioecesis fines, consecratum, ad dignitatem et honorem Basilicae Minoris evehimus, omnibus adiectis iuribus ac privilegiis, quae ecclesiis hoc nomine ornatis rite competunt. Contrariis quibusvis nihil obstantibus. Haec edicimus, statuimus, decernentes praesentes Litteras firmas, validas atque efficaces iugiter exstare ac permanere; suosque plenos atque integros effectus sortiri et obtinere; illisque, ad quos spectant seu spectare poterunt, nunc et in posterum plenissime suffragari;

[*Latin ed. p. 902*]

902 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - This document is to be considered and judged with all due propriety and shall be defined as such; and it shall be declared null and void from this moment and forever, if anything contrary to these matters should be attempted by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, with any authority whatsoever. Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's Ring, on the twentieth day of the month of July, in the year 1954, during the first year of Our Pontificate. D. Card. TARDINI, having been appointed to the third office concerning the public affairs of the Church, DECORATES THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BASILICA MINOR OF SHERBROOKE WITH TITLES AND PRIVILEGES. JOHN PP. XXIII. For the perpetual memory of this event. — As a bulwark

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and stronghold of the Catholic religion, the principal temple of Sherbrooke, located in the territory of Canada, stands out, for in that place, the Church, through the inspiration of God and the efforts of sacred ministers and faithful administrators, has grown like a mustard seed into a great tree. This edifice, dedicated to the Archangel Michael, to whose construction the bishops, clergy, and faithful people have contributed with great effort and dedication, was not long ago completed, and it is distinguished by its size and by the style of its architecture, which is in the Gothic style, a more recent artistic form; to which is added the beauty of the granite stone from which it is constructed, and the marble and mosaic works with which it is adorned. However, its greatest glory is the piety with which it is held by priests and the faithful. Therefore, the Most Reverend George Cabana, Archbishop of Sherbrooke, addressed prayers to Us, so that we might grant this temple, a distinguished monument of the victorious religion, the title and status of a Basilica Minor. Gladly fulfilling these wishes, which were strongly supported by the Most Reverend Brother John Panico, formerly the Apostolic Delegate in Canada and now holding the title of Archbishop of Iustiniana Prima, We, after consultation with the Sacred Congregation of Rites, with certain knowledge and mature deliberation, and by the fullness of Our Apostolic authority, hereby, by the force of these letters and in perpetuity, elevate the cathedral church of Sherbrooke, consecrated to God in honor of the Archangel Michael, to the honor and dignity of a Basilica Minor, with all the rights and liturgical privileges that properly belong to temples bearing the same title. Contrary to

[*Latin ed. p. 903*]

The Acts of Pope John XXIII, 903, notwithstanding any obstacles. We decree, establish, and ordain that these present Letters shall forever remain valid and effective; that they shall produce and obtain their full and complete effects; and that they shall fully support and be of full force for those to whom they pertain, now and in the future; and that they shall be duly judged and defined; and that they shall be rendered null and void and of no effect, if anything contrary to these should, by anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, be attempted. Given at the Palace of Gandulf, under the Seal of the Fisherman, on the thirty-first day of the month of July, in the year 1959, in the first year of Our Pontificate.

His Eminence, Cardinal TARDINI, concerning public affairs of the Church. I. To a great number of students from certain Italian Seminaries.

* The meeting this morning with so large a number of Seminarians brings us intense joy, tinged with deeply felt tenderness. We celebrated the Holy Sacrifice for you and among you, of which your ardent souls already anticipate the austere and secret joys; and Our joy was complete, when the Divine Savior, the Lamb of God, Priest and Victim, was present on the Altar, to offer once again to the Heavenly Father the sweet fragrance of His

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Sacrifice, and to communicate Himself to each of those present in the reality of His Eucharistic flesh. Seeing now your thoughtful and attentive faces, your serene eyes; contemplating the spectacle offered by you, opens Our heart to the most joyful hopes. This flourishing of exuberant youth, which unfolds around Us at the close of the liturgical year, is the most beautiful guarantee of the perpetual fecundity of the Church, and the most beloved promise of a fervent renewal, for the coming of the Kingdom of God. As the good mothers of our ancient Christian families are gladdened when one of their sons responds generously to the divine call, so the Mother Church is as it were filled with intense tenderness in contemplating.

* Held on the twenty-second day of the month of November, in the year 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 904*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 904, his young sons, called by the Lord: that is, touched by the distinguished privilege of the vocation to the ecclesiastical or religious state, and delighted to correspond with it, as is especially the case with young people. The crown of seminarians, which we contemplate today, brings to our eyes and mind the ranks of all the young men, in regions of ancient Christian tradition, or in mission lands, who are preparing for the priesthood; and this comforting vision of youthful souls, burning with a wonderful zeal for the highest ideal that can be found on earth, inspires us to offer a word that may serve as a program: a word dictated by the desire that all strive to correspond ever better to the needs of men today, and to the renewed purpose of the Church to gather itself within itself, in order to reveal more fully to the world its interior and exterior beauty. This program, which we love to propose to you, is inspired by the three graces that we continually ask of God through the intercession of the Virgin Immaculate, Mother of Good Counsel, of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, of Saint Charles Borromeo, and of all the saints patrons of the dioceses and seminaries: namely, the purity of heart; the strength of character; and the fervor of charity. These graces are like three flowers that must adorn the fragrant and promising youth of those called, and make it perennial throughout life, even when the years and the labors of the apostolate have weakened their physical vigor.

1. First of all, the purity of heart; which, through vigilant and constant attention, becomes order and transparency of all life, of every word, of every act. This virtue is the charm of Christian families, from which it flourishes as in its natural environment; and it is the irresistible charm of souls. Passing like immaculate snow over the mud that, unfortunately, covers so much of this poor world, which is *totus* 1 in maligno positus, it commands respect even from those who, in words, may have sometimes mocked it, but who demand it intact and luminous in the representatives of God. The purity of heart is the serene atmosphere in which every serious

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vocation lives, the soil in which all other good dispositions must germinate and develop. Certainly, it is not the first virtue, in the sense that, if the love of God and neighbor is lacking, it would become a cold exercise of natural perfection; but it is the breath of the love of God, 1 / IO. Q, 19.

[*Latin ed. p. 905*]

From the Acts of Pope John XXIII, 905, and the indispensable condition for selfless service to one's neighbor in the priestly ministry. It is this that prepares the incomparable joys of long conversations at the foot of the Tabernacle; that nourishes fervent thoughts of apostolate and charity; that inspires a continuous serenity, which is not diminished in adversity, nor clouded in joy. It confers upon the actions of seminarians and priests, upon their words, upon their manner, an unmistakable imprint of serene delicacy, of jealous reserve, and even of noble discretion; and it attracts souls with the very charm of Jesus. Live with this virtue with the freshness of your young years; and safeguard it through prayer, mortification, and study. For it is also this that preserves and increases the joy of ecclesiastical study, experienced as preparation for the duties of the ministry, and as continuous renewal of one's own culture: theological, pastoral, ascetic study, of which – as we said to the most beloved priests of the Venetian Patriarchate, celebrating with them the Synod – "there is a vast and very rich modern literature available in various languages, and easily accessible. These are the studies that are fitting for the priests of the Lord, far more than the soporific and poisonous readings that corrode young minds, and which, under the guise of knowing everything, judge, and seek to enlighten the modern generation, becoming a school and an exercise in *subtiliter fornicare* [subtle fornication]; they rob the priestly souls of the charm that draws the innocent towards the highest visions and purposes, and that preserves for the apostles of truth and goodness the inner joy, the purity of their eyes, and their smile."

2. From this purpose of purity, conscious and luminous, originates that robustness of character, which we have presented to you as the second gift of your vocation. The Church desires men who are steadfast and solid, well-formed in mind and heart. Fortunately, the time has passed when, not knowing the strong and invigorating reality of the Church, its children were presented as beings lacking and weak, almost without backbone. Belonging to the Church, however, demands an adamant firmness of character and will, a continuous struggle against passions and selfishness, and the overcoming of oneself with the help of the Lord. If this is true for those who wish to live as sincere Catholics, it is all the more true for those who have dedicated themselves to a most exalted ideal, such as the priestly vocation.

2 *Synod of the Diocese of Venice: Discourses of the Cardinal Patriarch;

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Vatican City, 1959, p. 49.*

[*Latin ed. p. 906*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 906, to which only a select company of resolute and strong men are called, who know how to follow the voice of the Lord without pretense or compromise, even renouncing lawful joys in order to live, even in this earthly life, a heavenly life. And thus the Church desires it. Future priests must be capable of resisting the attractions and seductions of the world; they must know how to moderate their sensitivities, in order to always be masters of themselves, in every circumstance; and they must also possess, in an eminent degree, the natural virtues, because we would seek in vain for the Christian and the Priest worthy of their vocation, if they were not also endowed with natural virtues: therefore, there is the duty of sincerity, of impartiality, imitating the conduct of God, before Whom there is no partiality; 3 the keeping of one's word; being straightforward and upright, not following the crooked paths of confusion and imprecision, nor justifying less noble intentions with pretexts of charity and worship. This conduct refers to a passage from the beautiful Epistle of the Mass of today, which exhorts all to "walk worthy of God, pleasing Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious power, to every patience and longanimity with joy." 4 3) Finally, there is the necessity of the fervor of charity, which gives the crowning and perfection to every one of our actions. This sublime virtue "is the fulfillment of the Law": 5 it is therefore necessary for the orderly and faithful fulfillment of daily duties, from the smallest to the greatest; it supports the heartfelt obedience to one's Bishop, and makes one ardently desire the service of the diocese, forgetting every concern of an earthly nature, of human recognition, of ephemeral praise. The seminarian who burns with this charity is not afraid of the difficulties that sometimes arise in his life of prayer and study; he surrenders himself confidently to the will of God, who has called him, and to whom he does not wish to cause any displeasure; he excels in discipline and order; he accomplishes almost without noticing the sacrifices inherent in his life, and he offers with a smile to the Lord the mortification of every worldly spirit, which sometimes would like to overwhelm him; 3 Cf. Rom. 2, 11 4 Col. 1, 10-11. 5 Rom. 13, 10.

[*Latin ed. p. 907*]

From the Acts of Pope John XXIII, 907, and, above all, animated by this charity, he makes prayer and the Sacraments the luminous center of his life. Oh, sublime beauty of the priestly vocation! We would not have dared to depict its essential features, which present it with an almost superhuman grandeur, if we did not know that He is near us, who, while calling to His service, also grants the strength to respond to the call. Therefore, the

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inspiration for all of this is found in the Heart of Jesus, a burning furnace of charity, a repository of justice and love; it is found in the Immaculate Heart of Mary, most pure Mother, powerful Virgin, Queen of virgins. How many priests, drawing from the riches of the Divine Heart, have found in it the source of their sanctification! It is enough to recall the holy Curate of Ars, whose sublime example of fidelity to his own vocation we have proposed to priests throughout the world in the recent Encyclical *Sacerdotii Nostri Primordia*. Each diocese preserves in its records the memory of humble and great priests, whose name, even outside of the official recognition of the Church, evokes holiness, dedication, and fervor, even beyond the brief span of earthly life. In this regard, we love to confide to you, dear children, the memory that we keep alive and sacred in our heart, as we always cherish and bless in our eyes, even after more than sixty years since his death, the image of the first priest we met in life, who baptized us, who gave us our First Communion, and beside whom our adolescence opened and unfolded like a delicate flower: to such a degree of spiritual penetration that we considered his way of life the best and highest way to live on earth: that is, to sanctify oneself and to sanctify others; to pray for all and to practice charity; and to allow ourselves to think of nothing else, for our personal happiness in this life, for our eternal happiness in the light of the Lord. Ah! dearest children. May you always encounter such priests, who inspire you with edification and encouragement to continue in the pursuit of priestly perfection. May you, in turn, with your fervor and the charm of your good examples, prepare new generations, who will bring blessings upon your name here in the militant Church, and who will assure you the eternal delights of the triumphant Church, with Jesus, the glorious King of the ages and of peoples. We love to accompany these wishes with the paternal, propitiatory Apostolic Blessing, which we impart wholeheartedly to each of you and to your zealous and good Superiors and Professors, and with particular regard to your families, who with joyful sacrifice support you on the path *usque ad montem Dei* (until the mountain of God).

[*Latin ed. p. 909*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 909. Your Eminence, it is a pleasure to note the inclusion of your son, due to the happy and encouraging coincidence of the name "John," which he shares in common with Us. The name "John," which in its biblical significance means "gift of God," expresses, in fact, confidence, joy, and serene fortitude. Let this remark, of a confidential nature, inspired in Our mind by the presence of your son John and his wife, be regarded as a flower which We offer to Your Excellency, as an augury and an auspice of well-being and of celestial blessings for all the families of the noble American Nation.

MESSAGE BROADCAST TO THE CHRISTIAN FAITHFUL OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA, DURING THE FIRST NATIONAL CATHOLIC CON-

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VENTION CELEBRATED THERE, AND ADDRESSED TO THE ENTIRE BODY OF THE CATHOLIC APOSTOLATE.

*Beloved Cubans: Your Father in Rome speaks to you, and in each of Our words, We desire to place a note of particular affection, so that We may fill your hearts with the love of Christ, until it overflows upon your neighbors. We are well aware of the program of the grand events of these days; We know that you have prepared these solemnities with special works of charity; We have seen that an ideal of unity and coordination prevails in your first National Catholic Congress and in the General Assembly of the Catholic Apostolate. All of this fills Us with sincere joy. Grave events, not very distant still, have moved you to gather at the foot of the Altar to strengthen your union in faith, hope, and charity. The Eucharist is a sacrament of love and of unity; those who are nourished by the same Bread, which is Christ, must have one heart and one soul: all must feel as brothers before one Father. All members of one and the same mystical Body, of which Christ is the head. "Therefore, clothe yourselves, as Saint Paul says, with all of God's chosen ones... with bowels of mercy, with kindness, with humility, with gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has..." * [Date: November 29, 1959]

[*Latin ed. p. 910*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary: 910. A reason for not complaining against another: as the Lord has forgiven you, so forgive you also. And above all these things, have charity, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, for in one body you have been called.

The face of the world could be changed if true charity reigned; the charity of the Christian who joins himself to the pain and suffering of the unfortunate, who seeks for this person happiness and salvation, just as much as for himself; the charity of the Christian who is convinced that his goods have a social function, and that to use the superfluous for the benefit of those who lack what is necessary is not an optional generosity, but a duty; the charity that always finds a new way to prove its love; the charity that springs from the interior of the soul; the charity of one who, with all the fibers of his heart, thinks of the good of another, wills the good of another, and does good to another, to his neighbor, in whose person he sees the Divine Master. Human coexistence and social order must receive their greatest impetus from a multifaceted effort guided by the conviction of the members of the community towards the common good. When anguish and torment still bear fresh the roses of wounds, this charity imposes a specific gesture: mutual friendship, esteem, and respect; an interior attitude, a continuous dialogue, a forgiveness without distinction, a reconciliation that must be rebuilt day by day and hour by hour, upon the ruins of selfishness and misunderstanding. If hatred has borne bitter fruits of death, it will

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be necessary to rekindle that Christian love, which is the only one that can smooth so many asperities, overcome such tremendous dangers, and sweeten so many sufferings. This love, whose fruit is concord and unanimity of opinion, will consolidate social peace. All institutions designed to promote this collaboration, however well conceived they may seem, derive their principal strength from the mutual spiritual bond that arises from men feeling themselves to be members of a great family, because they have the same Heavenly Father, the same Mother, Mary. We expect much from your Assembly of Lay Apostles; the guidelines of these days, to promote the unity and coordination of all apostolic activities, in the effort to save the Christian face of Cuba and to strengthen its Catholic traditions, will have as their common denominator and will draw their greatest effectiveness from the charity lived by each of you and put into practice within your organizations. 1 Col. 3, 12, 15.

[*Latin ed. p. 911*]

Acts of Pope John XXIII, 911. How ardently do we desire, at this very moment, to place the entire island of Cuba at the feet of its beloved Patroness, the Most Holy Mary of Charity of Cobre, that her love may reign in the soul of every Cuban, that she may bless their homes, and that days of peace and tranquility may shine forth, unclouded, over that beloved island! Let this fervent supplication fly from our lips and from your souls to the Celestial Queen, while, with the outpouring of our affection, our paternal Apostolic Blessing is bestowed upon you, most beloved Cubans.

[*Latin ed. p. 912*]

Acts 912 of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary. SACRED CONGREGATION CONSISTORIAL.

1. PROVISIONS REGARDING CHURCHES.

His Most Holy Lord, Pope John, by Divine Providence XXIII, having succeeded, by successive decrees of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, has provided for the following churches, each now having a pastor: on April 21, 1959. — To the titular episcopal Church of Arsamosata, he appointed the Reverend Father Thomas Manning, a member of the Order of Friars Minor, whom he established as the "nullius" Prelate of Coroico. On May 9th. — To the Cathedral Church of St. Matthew, newly erected, he appointed the Reverend Father Joseph Dalvit, of the Congregation of the Sons of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. On May 80th. — As Coadjutor with right of succession, to the Most Reverend Father Innocent Engelke, Bishop of Campanha in Brazil, he appointed the Most Reverend Father Othon Motta, titular Bishop of Uzita. On June 20th. — To the Metropolitan Church of Paraíba, he appointed the Most Reverend Father Maria de Miranda Vilas-Bôas, formerly titular Archbishop of Cyrrhus and Coadjutor with right of

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succession to the Most Reverend Father August Alvari, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, Archbishop of São Salvador in Brazil. On July 11th. — To the titular archiepiscopal Church of Antioch, in...

[*Latin ed. p. 913*]

The Sacred Congregational Consistory, number 913, decrees:

To the Most Reverend Father Franciscus Assisiensem Pires, until now Bishop of Crato, the titular bishopric of Termessus.

To the Reverend Father Honoratus Piazera, of the Congregation of Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, who is appointed Auxiliary to the Most Reverend Father James, Cardinal de Barros Cámara, Archbishop of São Sebastião do Rio de Janeiro. Date: July 15th.

To the Reverend Father Ioannes Laurentius Kulik, Chancellor of the Episcopal Curia of Lodz, who is appointed Auxiliary to the Most Reverend Father Michaelis Klepacz, Bishop of Lodz. Date: July 25th.

To the Most Reverend Father Aloisium Gonzaga Peluso, until now Bishop of Lorena, the cathedral church of Cachoeiro do Itapemirim, newly erected. Date: August 1st.

To the Reverend Father Albertus Etges, from the archdiocese of Portalegre in Brazil, the cathedral church of São Cruz in Brazil, newly erected. Date: August 8th.

To the Reverend Father Augustum Carvalho, Pro-Vicar General and Rector of the Seminary of the diocese of Pesqueira, the cathedral church of Caruaru. Date: August 15th.

To the Most Reverend Father Anthony, Cardinal Caggiano, until now Bishop of Rosario, the metropolitan church of Buenos Aires. Date: September 5th.

To the Most Reverend Father Martinus Ioannes O'Connor, until now titular Bishop of Thespiae, Rector of the Pontifical College of the United States of America in the City, and President of the Pontifical Council for the Cinema, Radio, and Television, the titular archiepiscopal see of Laodicea in Syria. Date: September 7th.

To the Most Reverend Father Theopistus Alberto y Valderrama, until now Bishop of Sorsogon, who is appointed Coadjutor with right of succession to the Most Reverend Father Petrus Santos, Archbishop of Caceres.

To the Most Reverend Father Franciscus, parish priest of São Antonio de Padua in the city commonly called Masbate, from the diocese of Sorsogon, the cathedral church of São Nicolau de Los Arroyos. Date: September 21st.

To the Reverend Father Silvinus Martínez, the cathedral church of Rosario.

To the Reverend Father Franciscus Vennera, the cathedral church of São Nicolau de Los Arroyos.

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Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary, October 12th. — To the Cathedral Church of Srijem, the Most Reverend Father Stephan Baüerlein, formerly the titular Bishop of Heraclea Pontica. October 17th. — To the titular Archiepiscopal Church of Pessinunta, the Most Reverend Father Gerald Patrick O'Hara, formerly the Archbishop-Bishop of Savannah. October 23rd. — To the newly erected Cathedral Church of Campo Moramensis, the Most Reverend Father Eliseu Simöes Mendes, formerly the Bishop of Mossoró. October 31st. — To the titular Archiepiscopal Church of Ptolemaidensis in Thebaida, the Most Reverend Father Peter Parente, already the Archbishop of Perugia. November 2nd. — To the titular Episcopal Church of Regiae, the Reverend Father Thomas I. Riley, Apostolic Protonotary, parish priest of Saint Peter the Apostle, from the Archdiocese of Boston, whom the Most Reverend Richard James S.R.E. Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, appointed as an Auxiliary. November 8th. — To the Cathedral Church of Ibagué, the Most Reverend Father Ruben Isaza Restrepo, formerly the Bishop of Montería. November 11th. — To the titular Episcopal Church of Gisipa, the Reverend Father Peter Rougé, archpriest and parish priest of the cathedral church of Carcassonne, whom the Most Reverend Father John Girbeau, Bishop of Nîmes, appointed as a Coadjutor with the right of succession. November 26th. — To the "nullius dioecesis" Territorial Abbey of Maria Einsiedeln, the Reverend Father Raymund Tschudy, from the Swiss Congregation of Benedictine monks (O.S.B.). November 27th. — To the Cathedral Church of Laibach, the Most Reverend Father Anthony Vovk, formerly the titular Bishop of Cardica. November 28th. — To the Cathedral Church of Manchester, the Reverend Father Ernest A. Primeau, parish priest of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel in the city of Chicago. December 5th. — To the titular Episcopal Church of Philomelium, the Reverend Father James J. Hogan, parish priest of Saint Catherine the Virgin and Martyr, from the Diocese of Trenton, whom the Most Reverend Father George William Ahr, Bishop of Trenton, appointed as an Auxiliary. December 5th. — To the titular Archiepiscopal Church of Selymbria, the Most Reverend Father Aloysius Joseph Muench, formerly the Archbishop-Bishop of Fargo.

[*Latin ed. p. 915*]

The Sacred Consistorial Congregation, Decree 915 II, concerning the faculties and graces for Latin America and the Philippine Islands. Privileges and graces, granted for a period of thirty years to all local Ordinaries, priests, and the Christian faithful of Latin America, by Apostolic Letters under the Fisherman's Seal, entitled "Trans Oceanum," in the year 1897, by the Supreme Pontiff Leo XIII, may God reward him,

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were extended to the Philippine Islands, or, through subsequent Apostolic documents: "Apostolic Letters" and "Conspicuous Privileges," and were benignly confirmed or extended until the year 1959. For it had been clearly demonstrated that these were to the evident benefit of the Christian faithful and contributed to the good order of their governance. Now, at the close of this year, the aforementioned Ordinaries – that is, of Latin America and the Philippine Islands – with the same conditions remaining in force, earnestly requested that these privileges be extended further, with some modifications. Therefore, Our Supreme Lord, Pope John, by the Divine Providence, XXIII, after consulting with the Most Eminent Fathers of the Sacred Roman Curia Dicasteries, for the matters and reasons pertaining to each, and with the advice of the undersigned Cardinal Secretary of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, after due consideration, deemed it fitting to grant this request with paternal benevolence. Therefore, by the present Consistorial Decree, His Holiness benignly confirms and grants to all and each local Ordinaries, priests, and Christian faithful of the dioceses and jurisdictions of Latin America and the Philippine Islands, the faculties and graces which are set forth below, until the 31st day of December of the year 1969.

1) Local Ordinaries may grant the faculty to parish priests or missionaries, in regions or places where, due to great distance or other impediment, it is difficult for them to obtain and carry with them, from the baptismal fonts where it is preserved, the blessed water to be used on Holy Saturday, to bless baptismal water using the shorter formula, which was granted by the Supreme Pontiff Paul, PP. III, to missionaries in Peru among the Indians, and which is now found in the Appendix of the Roman Ritual.

2) Parish priests and missionaries, if, due to lack of time, they are unable to...

[*Latin ed. p. 916*]

Acta 916 Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary: Wherefore, if, through fatigue, or other grave reasons, all may not readily be able to observe the ceremonies prescribed for the Baptism of adults, they may, with the prior consent of the Ordinary, lawfully use only those rites which are indicated in the Constitution of Pope Paul III, *Altitudo*, dated June 1, 1537.

S) Furthermore, Ordinaries of places may, except for the General Vicar without a special mandate from the Bishop, appoint priests, insofar as possible constituted in some ecclesiastical dignity, or exercising the office of a vicarious, to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation; never, however, simple priests residing in those places where the aforementioned Sacrament is to be administered; observing the Instruction of the Sacred Congregation for the Discipline of the Sacraments concerning a simple priest, delegated by the Apostolic See, administering the Sacrament of Confirma-

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tion (A.A. 8, XXVII, 11 seq.).

4) The same Ordinaries may delegate priests to assist at marriages according to the form established by law, who, for the sake of missions, are engaged in evangelizing the faithful or in fulfilling some other exercise of piety in distant regions, separated from the parochial seat, provided that these missions continue, and that those things are observed which, as circumstances permit, and the conditions of place and time allow, must precede the celebration of marriage, according to canon 1019 and following of the Code of Canon Law; provided, however, that express mention of this Apostolic Indult is made in each case, and that the sacred canons are always firmly observed, both concerning the rights of the parish priest to be observed, and concerning the inscription to be made in the parochial books.

5) Ordinaries may also grant dispensations concerning purely ecclesiastical impediments to marriage, from which the Holy See is accustomed to grant dispensations, except for impediments arising from the Holy Orders or from consummated marriage in the direct line; except also, due to the gravity of the matter, for the impediment mentioned in canon 1075, nn. 2, 3; and finally, except for impediments of mixed religion and different worship, unless special faculties have been obtained from the Most Holy Congregation of the Holy Office. Furthermore, permission is granted to them to determine and declare the legitimacy of the children of those about to marry, provided that the child was not conceived in adultery; provided, however, that in each case, even in granting dispensations, express mention of this Apostolic Indult is made.

6) To the faithful contracting marriage, it is granted that they may receive the blessing of marriage at any time of the year, provided that—

[*Latin ed. p. 917*]

The Sacred Consistorial Congregation, in those times when marriages are prohibited by the Church, decrees that they abstain from excessive pomp; however, it is to be understood that, if the nuptial blessing is granted outside of the Mass, the formula in the appendix "de Matrimonio" of the Roman Ritual should be used. 7) It is also permitted to use even old Sacred Oils, not older than two years, provided that they are not corrupted, and that new or more recent Sacred Oils, having been prepared with all due diligence, are not available. 8) Ordinaries may permit priests to use a portable altar, provided that such use is only for the good of the faithful, and in those places where a church or public oratory is lacking, or where the parish church is too distant, and not on the sea; provided that the place of celebration is decent and honorable, and that it is celebrated upon a sacred stone, and that the parish priests and other priests to whom this faculty is granted, instruct the faithful present with an explanation of the Holy Gospel or with catechetical instruction. 9) Ordinaries may grant priests the

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faculty of celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on a ship, only during the time of travel, provided that the place where the Mass is to be celebrated does not present anything indecent or unbecoming, and that the sea or river is so calm that there is no danger of any spillage of the Sacred Species from the Chalice; and that another priest, wearing a surplice, if present, assists the celebrating priest. 10) To priests of their jurisdiction who are subject to places where there is a lack of roads and carriages, Ordinaries may grant the faculty of substituting, in place of a portable altar or a sacred stone, a cloth made of linen or hemp and blessed by the Bishop, in which are contained the Relics of the Saints recognized by the same Bishop, upon which these priests may celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, only in those cases, and with a heavy conscience, in which there is either no church or oratory, public or private, and it is very inconvenient to carry or have with them a stone altar during their journey. Otherwise, everything that is to be observed must be observed according to the rubrics, especially concerning the pall and corporal. 11) To all Christians in Latin America, it is permitted to fulfill the annual Paschal Communion from the Sunday of Septuagesima until July 16th, in commemoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel. 12) To these same Christians, it is granted, if they live in places where it is completely impossible or at least very difficult to have access to a confessor, to gain the Indulgences and Jubilees which require Confession and Communion.

[*Latin ed. p. 918*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary 918: Communion and fasting are required, provided that, having observed the fast, they are at least contrite of heart, and with a firm purpose of amendment, they may, as soon as possible, confess. Given in Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Congregation of the Consistory, on the 8th of August, in the year 1959. Most Reverend Marcellus Mimmi, Bishop of Sabina and Mondello, and Secretary. Reverend Joseph Ferretto, Archbishop of Serdica, Assistant. SACRED CONGREGATION OF THE COUNCIL: DECREE GRANTING THE FACULTY OF ANTICIPATING THE OBLIGATION OF ABSTINENCE AND FASTING ON THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. Heeding the requests of many Bishops from many nations, Our Holy Father John XXIII, with the present Decree of the Sacred Congregation of the Council, has deigned to grant, to all the faithful of the Catholic world, the grace of anticipating the obligation of abstinence and fasting from the twenty-fourth day, the vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to the twenty-third day of December. Given in Rome, on the 3rd of December, 1959. P. Card. Ciriaci, Prefect. S. P. Palazzini,

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Secretary.

[*Latin ed. p. 919*]

Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, 919. S. CONGREGATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH. PROVISIONS CONCERNING CHURCHES. Our Most Holy Lord, Pope John, by Divine Providence XXIII, has, with the following dates, appointed new pastors for the churches listed below: on June 4, 1959. — To the Cathedral Church of Simla, newly erected, he appointed the Reverend John Burke, of the secular clergy. — To the titular archiepiscopal Church of Neopatrassus, the Reverend Angel Fernandes, of the secular clergy, a native, whom he appointed as Coadjutor with the right of succession to His Excellency Alexander Fernandes, Archbishop of Delhi, on June 10. — To the titular archiepiscopal Church of Viminacium, His Excellency John Baptist Boivin, of the Society of Missionaries to the Africans, formerly Archbishop of Abidjan, on June 11. — To the titular episcopal Church of Alabanda, the Reverend Michael Ntuyahaga, of the secular clergy, whom he appointed as Apostolic Vicar of Usumbura, on July 2. — To the titular episcopal Church of Attanasus, the Reverend Joseph Mahula, of the secular clergy, whom he appointed as Auxiliary to His Excellency Felix Scalais, Apostolic Vicar of Leopoldopolis, on July 9. — To the Cathedral Church of Hiroshima, newly erected, the Reverend John Baptist Tomosuke Noda, of the secular clergy. — To the Cathedral Church of Kandy, the Reverend Leon Nanayakkara, of the Silvestrine Congregation, O.S.B., on July 9. — To the titular archiepiscopal Church of Laodicea in Phrygia, His Excellency John Baptist Maury, formerly titular Bishop of Elis and Coadjutor to His Excellency the Bishop of Tarbes and Lourdes, on July 16. — To the Metropolitan Church of Kaduna, newly erected, His Excellency John McCarthy, formerly Bishop of Kaduna, on July 22. — To the Cathedral Church of Banja Luka, the Reverend Alfred Pichler.

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Acts of the Apostolic See - Official Commentary 920 II NOMINATIONS By the Decrees given below, the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, having considered the matter, declared: on May 29, 1959. — Reverend Father Alphonsus Chantoux, C. SS. R., appointed Apostolic Prefect of Fadangurmaen. on July 7. — Reverend Father Rupert Hillerich, O. F. M. Cap., appointed Apostolic Prefect of Sohoezi. on July 18. — Reverend Father John James Howe, of the Society of Saint Columban for Missions among the Chinese, appointed Apostolic Prefect of Bha moon. on October 28. — Reverend Father Joseph Oleaga Guerequiz, S. J., appointed Apostolic Prefect of Saint Francis Xavier.

SACRED CONGREGATION FOR SEMINARIES AND UNIVERSITIES: DECLARATION Concerning the question of whether a University of Studies, whether granted to the secular clergy or to a religious family, depends

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on the Sacred Congregation for Seminaries and Universities, even if it has not yet obtained canonical erection, the aforementioned Sacred Congregation judged it fitting to respond: Affirmative, insofar as the University in question is in some way subject to the secular clergy or to the religious family.

His Holiness, Pope John, by the Grace of God, Pontiff, in an audience granted on the sixteenth day of the month of November, in the year of Our Lord 1959, to the Cardinal Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for Seminaries and Universities, having heard the aforementioned response of the same Sacred Congregation, deigned to approve and ratify it, and ordered it to be made public, notwithstanding any contrary provisions.

Rome, from the offices of the Sacred Congregation, on the seventeenth day of the month of November, in the year of Our Lord 1959.

fß I. Card. Pizzardo, Bishop of Albano, Prefect.

Dinus Staffa, Secretary.

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SACRED APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY

(OFFICE OF INDULGENCES)

DECREE

ON THE PRAYER SAID WHILE KISSING THE WEDDING RING, GRANTING INDULGENCES

To foster the love and conjugal fidelity, especially in this time when the natural and divine rights of marriage are so often and shamefully violated, Our Most Holy Lord Pope John, Divine Providence XXIII, gladly accepting the prayers offered to him in writing by the undersigned Cardinal Major Penitentiary, in an audience held on November 21st of the current year, deigned benignly to grant that those who are married, having piously kissed the wedding ring of their spouse, either individually or together, and having recited the prayer: "Lord, grant that, loving You, we may love one another and live according to Your holy law," or another similar prayer, may obtain a partial indulgence of three hundred days, once a day, provided they do so with at least a contrite heart. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions.

Given in Rome, from the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary, on November 23, 1959.

N. Card. CANALI, Major Penitentiary

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•922 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary of the DIARY OF THE ROMAN CURIA. On Sunday, December 6, 1959, the Holy Father received in Audience His Excellency Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States of America. On Wednesday, December 16, 1959, the Holy Father received in a solemn Audience His Excellency Mohammad Mir Khan, Extraordinary Envoy and Minister Plenipotentiary of Pakistan, for the presentation of his Credentials.

SACRED CONGREGATION OF RITES. On Tuesday, October 6, 1959, in the Palace of the Chancery, before His Eminence, the Most Reverend Cardinal Clemente Micara, Bishop of Velletri and Ponente, and Promoter of the Cause of Beatification of the Servant of God, Anne Bayley, widow Seton, foundress of the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph in America, the Holy Congregation of Rites, in its preparatory session, was held, in which the Reverend Prelates and the Reverend Theological Consultors discussed the heroic virtues of the aforementioned Servant of God.

On Tuesday, October 27, 1959, in the Apostolic Palace of the Vatican, the Holy Congregation of Rites, in its preparatory session, was held, in which the Eminent and Reverend Lords Cardinals, the Reverend Prelates, and the Reverend Theological Consultors discussed two miracles, which are said to have been wrought through the intercession of the Blessed John De Ribera, Archbishop of Valencia.

On the same day, in the Apostolic Palace of the Vatican, the ordinary session took place, in which the Eminent and Reverend Lords Cardinals and the Reverend Prelates examined the report of the theological censors regarding the writings of the Servant of God, Carlo Amirante, a Neapolitan priest.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1959, in the Apostolic Palace of the Vatican, the Holy Congregation of Rites, in its preparatory session, was held, in which the Eminent and Reverend Lords Cardinals, the Reverend Prelates, and the Reverend Theological Consultors discussed the heroic degree of the virtues of the Servant of God, Elizabeth Anne Bayley, widow Seton, foundress of the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph in America.

The same Eminent and Reverend Lords Cardinals and Prelates also discussed, in the ordinary session:

I. Regarding the resumption of Causes for Beatification:

1. Brother Benildo, Confessor, of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

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Diarium Romanae Curiae 923 2. Teresa de Jesu Jornet Ibars, Virgin,

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foundress of the Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Abandoned Elderly. II. Concerning the reports of the theological censors regarding the writings of the Servants of God: 1. Marcellinus of Capradosso, a lay brother of the Order of the Friars Minor Capuchin. 2. Joanna Maria de Jesu Eucaristia Bracaval, a professed nun, reformer, and first Superior General of the Congregation of the Angelic Sisters of St. Paul. Tuesday, December 15, 1959, in the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican, in the august presence of the Holy Father, the General Congregation of the Sacred Rites was held, in which the Most Reverend and Reverend Cardinals, the Reverend Prelates, and the Reverend theological consultants gave their vote concerning the heroic virtues of the Servants of God: 1. Jeremiah of Wallachia, a lay brother of the Order of the Friars Minor Capuchin. 2. Elizabeth Anna Bayley, widow Seton, foundress of the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph in the United States.

SECRETARY OF STATE – APPOINTMENTS

By Apostolic Briefs, the Holy Father John XXIII, happily reigning, deigned to appoint:

October 16, 1959. The Most Reverend and Reverend Cardinal Gilroy Norman T., Protector of the "Sisters of Mercy" at Ballarat, Parramatta (Sydney), Perth, North Sydney (Sydney), Rockhampton, Cairns, and Townsville (Australia).

October 20, 1959. The Most Reverend and Reverend Cardinal Agagianian Gregory Peter, Protector of the Pious Society of St. Francis Xavier for Foreign Missions of Parma.

October 23, 1959. The Most Reverend and Reverend Cardinal Valeri Valerio, Protector of the Daughters of St. Joseph of Rivalba (Rome).

November 9, 1959. His Excellency, the Reverend Monsignor Parente Peter, Archbishop titular of Tolemaide of Thebais, Assessor of the Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office.

November 13, 1959. The Most Reverend and Reverend Cardinal Tardini Domenico, Protector of the Augustinians of the Assumption (Rome).

November 13, 1959. The Most Reverend and Reverend Cardinal Montini Giovanni Battista, Protector of the Sisters Teachers of St. Dorothea (Brzesc).

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Acta 924 Apostolicae Sedis - Official Commentary, November 14, 1959. The Most Eminent and Reverend Cardinal Cicognani, Amleto Giovanni, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Eastern Church. His Eminence and Reverend Lord Cardinal Giobbe Paolo, his Datary.

Reverend Father Antonelli Ferdinando, of the Order of Friars Minor, Promotor General of the Faith in the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

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With the authorization of the Secretariat of State, the Holy Father John XXIII, happily reigning, deigned to appoint:

November 16, 1959. The Most Illustrious and Reverend Monsignor Romani Silvio, his Under-Datary.

November 17, 1959. His Excellency Reverend Monsignor Gawlina Giuseppe, Archbishop titular of Madito, Consultor of the Sacred Congregation of the Discipline of the Sacraments.

The Most Illustrious and Reverend Monsignor Garofalo Salvatore, and the Reverend Fathers Mariani Bonaventura, of the Order of Friars Minor; Pio da Mondreganes, of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin; Reuter Armando, and Seumois Andrea, of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Consultors of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda Fide.

His Eminence and Reverend Lord Cardinal Giobbe Paolo, Member of the Sacred Congregation for the Eastern Church.

The Most Illustrious and Reverend Monsignor Frutaz Amato Pietro, General Relator of the Historical Section of the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

Reverend Father Low Giuseppe, of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, Additional Relator of the Historical Section of the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

The Most Illustrious and Reverend Monsignor Sabattani Aurelio, Consultor of the Sacred Congregation of the Discipline of the Sacraments.

December 3. The Most Illustrious and Reverend Monsignor de Angelis Serafino, Secretary of the Apostolic Penitentiary.

With the authorization of the Secretariat of State, the Holy Father Pius XII, of venerable memory, deigned to appoint:

Apostolic Protonotary *ad instar participantium*: July 4, 1958. Monsignor Woitalla Lodovico, of the diocese of Viedma.

Prelates Domestic to His Holiness: July 4, 1958. Monsignor Elorrieta Foronda Mariano, of the same diocese. Monsignor Pigat Fausto, of the same diocese.

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From the Roman Curia Diary, number 92, with tickets from the Secretariat of State, the Most Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, may He happily reign, has deigned to appoint:

Domestic Prelates of His Holiness:

August 7, 1959.

Most Reverend Horan, Edward G., of the Archdiocese of Boston.

Most Reverend McMannon, John J., of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Murphy, Francis J., of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Murphy, James B., of the same Archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Ryan, Joseph J., of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Flaherty, Francis N., of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Feeney, John, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Jacobbe, Albert A., of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Carey, Augustine V., of the Archdiocese of New York.

Most Reverend Riordau, James L., of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Galdino da Costa, Joseph, of the Diocese of Saint Petersburg.

August 22.

Most Reverend Callou, Joseph de Anchieta, of the Diocese of Garanhuns.

August 29.

Most Reverend Giusberti, Ennio, of the Diocese of Atri.

September 5.

Most Reverend Chiappetta, Louis, of the Archdiocese of Cosenza.

Most Reverend Cozza, Francis, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Mauro, Gaetano, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Vairo, Joseph, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Grego, John, of the Diocese of Trieste and Capodistria.

Most Reverend Fahy, William Joseph, of the Diocese of Wollongong.

Most Reverend Grealy, Thomas Kevin, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Irish, Michael, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Mulheren, John Joseph, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend O'Flaherty, Jeremiah, of the same Diocese.

August 12.

Most Reverend Baird, Edwin Paul, of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Most Reverend Collis, Patrick Louis, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Graham, John Joseph, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Haydt, John Joseph, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Kane, Francis Joseph, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Kane, William Joseph, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Lallou, William Joseph, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Lawton, Howard P., of the same Archdiocese.

[*Latin ed. p. 926*]

926 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Commentarium Officiale, 12 September 1959. Most Reverend Charles L. McCarron, of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Most Reverend John Geraldo McFadden, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend George Lorenzo Murphy, of the same Archdiocese.

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Most Reverend Charles B. Mynaugh, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend John Joseph Sefton, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Thomas Edward Simons, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Theodore Cleto Wagner, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Michele Fusco, of the Diocese of Caiazzo.

Most Reverend Ulysses Fagnani, of the Diocese of Grosseto.

Most Reverend Hugo Lattanzi, of the Archdiocese of Fermo.

3 October: Most Reverend Peter Charles Thomas McGarry, of the Diocese of Camden.

Most Reverend Joseph Stanislaus Chmielewski, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Raymond Joseph Thomas Kavanagh, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend James Cornelius Foley, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Joseph Thomas Hanley, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Thomas P. Beahan, of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Most Reverend Anthony J. Kolanczyk, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Stanislaus E. Fedewa, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Wallace J. Filipowicz, of the same Archdiocese.

Most Reverend Gerard McDevitt, of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Most Reverend Theodore J. Hammes, of the Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana.

Most Reverend Edgar J. Cyr, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Sylvester P. Klein, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Francis C. Kienly, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend William Gomes, of the Archdiocese of Bombay.

Most Reverend John P. Carroll, of the Archdiocese of Boston.

Most Reverend John Bartholomew Blazic, of the Diocese of Greensburg.

Most Reverend James Brady, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Philip Dugan, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Nicholas Fusco, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Henry Francis Hanse, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend Marian Anthony Rosenthal, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend James A. Shay, of the same Diocese.

Most Reverend John Mezzadonna, of the Diocese of Asti.

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Diarium Romanae Curiae 927, October 30, 1959. Most Reverend Lupi Achille, of the diocese of Cremona.

Most Reverend Laferriere Stefano, of the diocese of Hearst.

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Most Reverend Proulx Giuseppe, of the same diocese.
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Most Reverend Alessandro Giuseppe, of the archdiocese of Palermo.
Most Reverend Lo Monaco Giovanni, of the same archdiocese.
January 12, 1959.
Most Reverend Cleary Walter, of the diocese of Ogdensburg.
Most Reverend Elie Euclide, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Lynch Dionigi, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Maguire Francesco, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Skelly Aroldo, of the same diocese.
February 3.
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May 15.
Most Reverend Favarò Gaetano, of the archdiocese of Palermo.
June 5.
Most Reverend Ash Raimondo, of the diocese of Buffalo.
Most Reverend Carey Giovanni, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Dempsey Giovanni, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Duggan Robert, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Eberz Paolo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Grant Guglielmo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Gulnerich Bertrando, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Hammerl Leone, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Harrington Michele, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Healy Giacomo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Herlihy Davide, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Kawalec Enrico, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Logal Nelson, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Marnon Martin, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Meloch Ceslao, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Murphy Robert, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend O'Connor Francesco, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Sekelsky Giuseppe, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Snyder Guglielmo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Waclawski Giuseppe, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Walker Edoardo, of the same diocese.
Most Reverend Woods Patrizio, of the same diocese.

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Most Reverend Valente Paolo, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Osborne Enrico, of the same diocese.

Most Reverend Dwyer Michele F., of the archdiocese of New York.

Most Reverend Goodwine Giovanni A., of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Harrington Giovanni H., of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Kelly Giovanni P., of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend McDonnell Giacomo T., of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend Me Mahon Tommaso V., of the same archdiocese.

Most Reverend PotOcek Cirillo J., of the same archdiocese.

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April 19. SAINT PAUL IN BRAZIL (Taubaté, and others). Concerning the Sacred Places of Brazil and its Bishops. – From the archdiocese of Taubaté, certain territories are separated to form the diocese of Saint Paul. A new archdiocese is established, to be called "Apparitiopolitana"; the ecclesiastical province of Saint Paul is divided, and new ecclesiastical provinces are established: Apparitiopolitana, Botucatuensis, Campinensis, and "Eivi Nigri."

28. KARACHI (Vicariate of Hyderabad). – From the archdiocese in Pakistan, certain territories are taken away, and a new diocese, "Hyderabadensis in Pakistan," is established.

May 7. GUYANA (Holland). With Apostolic Blessing. – The Apostolic Vicariate of Guiana and Holland is raised to the rank of a cathedral see, and is henceforth to be called "Paramariboënsis."

21. AUSTRALIA. Concerning a Particular Matter. – An Apostolic Exarchate is established in Australia for the faithful of the Eastern rite of Byzantium residing there.

97. LIMAN (Huaraz). Indeed, a Notable Event. – The archdiocese of Liman and the diocese of Huaraz, with certain territories separated from them, form a new diocese, to be called "Huachensis."

19. CAGAYAN (Zamboanga). As a Mother. – The diocese of Zamboanga, in the Philippine Islands, is raised to the rank of a metropolitan Church, and becomes the seat of a new ecclesiastical province.

99. CITY OF BOLIVAR (Maturin). The Kingdom of God. – Certain territories are taken from the diocese of the City of Bolivar, and a new diocese is established, to be called "Maturinensis."

101. SAINT AUGUSTINE (Miami). With Supreme Blessing. – Certain territories are taken from the diocese of Saint Augustine, and a new diocese is established, to be called "Miamiensis."

June 21. CARACAS-CALABOZO (Maracay). Those Who are Supreme. – A portion of territory is taken from the archdiocese of Caracas and from the diocese of Calaboz, and is formed into a new diocese, to be called "Maracayensis."

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church."

23 211 LYDENBURG and others (Volksrust). In a similar manner. - After certain territories have been detached from the dioceses of Lydenburg and Bremersdorp, and from the archdiocese of Durban, a new apostolic prefecture is established, to be called 'Volksrust.'

214 OVERRIERI in (Umuahia). With due diligence. - Certain territories are detached from the diocese of Owerri in Nigeria, and a new diocese is established, to be called 'Umuahia.'

216 GULU (Arua). Who possesses the fullness. - Certain territories are detached from the diocese of Golu, and a new church is established, to be called 'Arua.'

216 KUDUGU (Ouahigouya). 28 Solemnly to us. - From the diocese of Koudougou in French West Africa, the entire territory is detached, which comprises the civil region of Ouahigouya, and from it a new diocese is founded, to be called 'Ouahigouya.'

30 (Cheongju-Daegu). SEOUL. With divine prompting. - From the apostolic vicariate of Seoul, certain civil provinces are detached, and two apostolic vicariates are established, to be called 'Cheongju' and 'Daegu.'

TARAHUMARA. 152 If there are among the nations. - The 'sui iuris' mission of Tarahumara, in the Republic of Mexico, is raised to the rank and dignity of an apostolic vicariate.

30 Ribeirão Preto, July 7. 10 Since. BLACK. - 261 In the metropolitan temple of Ribeirão Preto, a college of canons is established.

SINUS ALBI. External and adventitious. - 263 In the metropolitan temple of Bahía Blanca, a college of canons is established.

PHILADELPHIA-STANFORD. This apostolic. - 154 The Apostolic Exarchate of Philadelphia, of the Byzantine rite, in the United States of North America, is raised to the dignity of a metropolitan see; the Apostolic Exarchate of Stanford is raised to the rank of an eparchy; and from these churches, a new ecclesiastical province is constituted.

11 BELLOHORIZONTE-ATERRADOR (Divinópolis). Who is from Christ Jesus. - After certain territories have been detached from the archdiocese of Belo Horizonte and the diocese of Aterrado, a new diocese is established, to be called 'Divinópolis.'

12 SULU (Jolo). Holy Church. - The apostolic prefecture of Sulu, in the Philippine Islands, is raised to the rank and dignity of a vicariate, to be called 'Jolo.'

30 PUNO. 319 (Ayaviri). From these. - A part of the territory is separated from the diocese of Puno, and from it a new prelature is constituted, to be called 'Ayaviri,' which is subject to the metropolitan Church of Arequipa.

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II 1959. June 29. August 1. November 28. – Concerning Saint Mariae Baptistae Vianney, "Princeps Pastorum" (Prince of Pastors). – To the Venerable Brothers Patriarchs, Primates, Archbishops, Bishops, and other Ordinary officials, who hold peace and communion with the Apostolic See: concerning the Catholic Missions, on the fortieth anniversary from the publication of the Apostolic Letter "Maximum illud" by Pope Benedict XV.

April 12. EPISTLE OF BLESSING – FEAST OF SAINT CHARLES OF SEZZE.

497 545 833. ENCYCLICAL. Grateful remembrance. – To the Venerable Brothers Patriarchs, Primates, Archbishops, Bishops, and other Ordinary officials, who hold peace and communion with the Apostolic See: concerning the pious recitation of the Rosary of Mary, especially during the month of October.

IV 1959. – 750. ENCYCLICAL. To the Chair of Peter. – To the Venerable Brothers Patriarchs, Primates, Archbishops, Bishops, and other Ordinary officials, who hold peace and communion with the Apostolic See, and also to the entire Clergy and Catholic faithful of the world: concerning the promotion of truth, unity, and peace, inspired by charity, in the beginnings of Our Priesthood.

– To the Venerable Brothers Patriarchs, Primates, Archbishops, Bishops, and other Ordinary officials, who hold peace and communion with the Apostolic See: concerning the first years of the century following the most blessed death of Saint John.

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and Campinensis Grandis, certain territories are detached, which are formed into new dioceses, to be called "Patosensis." 9 BERBERATENSIS (Bossangoaënsis). Who is Christ. - From the diocese of Berberatensis, in French Equatorial Africa, a certain territory is detached, from which a new apostolic prefecture is established, to be called "Bossangoaënsis." 12 NIAMEYENSIS (Fadangurmaën). Although daily. - From the apostolic prefecture of Niameyensis, in French West Africa, certain territories are separated, from which a new apostolic prefecture is established, to be called "Fadangurmaënsis." 403 410 449 452 454 580 CUSCHENSIS 582 609 678 683

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Index of documents arranged in chronological order, page 937, February 17, 1959 (Aricensis). By the grace of God. - From the Iquique diocese, after the subtraction of certain territories, a new exempt prelature is established, to be called "Aricensis." March 19 (Munduensis). - The apostolic prefecture of Moundou, in French Equatorial Africa, is raised to the rank of a diocese, to be called "Munduensis." March 7 (Botucatuensis). - In the Botucatu metropolitan temple, a collegiate chapter is established (Ferrolensis). Who is like Peter? - The diocese of Mondoñedo and its bishop are given the title "Ferrolensis," and the principal church of that city is raised to the rank of a co-cathedral. Tudensis (Vicensis). As the tireless one. - The title and denomination "Vicensis" are added to the Tudense Church; the church of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the city of Vigo is raised to the rank of a co-cathedral. (Lucentinae). Those Catholic. - In the Oriolense diocese, a co-cathedral is founded, and the denomination "Lucentina" is added to that diocese. Calaguritanae et Calceatensis (Logrognensis). Whenever any. - The denomination "Logrognensis" is added to the dioceses of Calagurita and Calceata. The church of the Blessed Virgin Mary "de Bedonda," located in that city, is raised to the rank of a co-cathedral. Oxomensis (Sorianae). Whenever the souls. - The denomination "Soriana" is added to the Oxomense diocese. Furthermore, the church of Saint Peter the Apostle, located there, is raised to the rank of a co-cathedral. Seguntinae (Guadalarensis). With the greatest joy. - The denomination "Guadalarensis" is added to the Seguntine diocese. The church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, located in that city, is raised to the rank of a co-cathedral. April 1 (Sancti Dominici) (aDomina Nostra vulgo De La Altagracia in Higüey, or Higueyensis). It is pleasing to us. - From the archdiocese of Santo Domingo, after the subtraction of certain territories, a new diocese is established, to be called "aDomina Nostra vulgo De La Altagracia in Higüey, or Higueyensis." April 2 (Oturkpoënsis). The most holy provision of the Divine Master. - The apostolic prefecture of Oturkpoënsis is raised to the rank of a diocese, retaining its name and boundaries. Kimberleyensis et aliarum (Bechuanalandensis). With the venerable brothers. - From the dioceses of Kimberley and Bul-

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awayo, and from the apostolic vicariate of Windhoek, after the subtraction of certain territories, a new apostolic prefecture is established, to be called "Bechuanalandensis." April 6 (Culiacanensis). From the ancient. - In the Culiacan cathedral, a collegiate chapter is established. April 17 (ex Archia in Germania). Because of the immense. - In the German nation, an archimandate is established for the faithful Euthenians of Byzantine rite residing there. April 25 (Nzerekoreensis). - The apostolic prefecture of Nzerekoreensis is raised to the rank and dignity of a diocese. Septentrionalis et Nyassaland. With Christian. - In Africa, two new ecclesiastical provinces are established.

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Index of documents arranged in chronological order, page 938. April 1959 » May » » » » » » » are established, and they shall be called: Rhodesiae Septemtrionalis and de Nyassaland 25 LULUABURGENSIS (Luebo). Concerning earthly matters. - After certain territories were taken from the apostolic vicariate of Luluaburg, a new vicariate is established, named "Luebo." 4 NAGASAKIENSIS. Daily. - In the new Japanese ecclesiastical province, a metropolitan see is established, which will be the archdiocese of Nagasaki 21 DEDIEGOSUAREZ - TANANARIVENSIS (Ambatondrazaka). Sublime and... - Certain territories are taken from the dioceses of Diego Suarez and Tananarive, and a new diocese is established, to be called "Ambatondrazaka." 23 ANGELORUM - MEXICANAE (Tlaxcala). The flock of Christians. - After certain territories are taken from the archdiocese of Angelorum and the Mexican province, a new diocese is established, to be called "Tlaxcala." VERAE CRUCIS - TEHUANTEPECENSIS (S. Andreae de Tuxtla). Among whom are Christians. - After certain territories are taken from the archdiocese of Verae Crucis and the diocese of Tehuantepec, a new diocese is established, named "S. Andreae de Tuxtla." 4 DELHIENSIS and SIMLENSIS (Simlensis). For the people of India. - After certain territories are taken from the archdiocese of Delhi and Simlensis, a new diocese is established, to be called "Simlensis." 11 NGOZIENSIS - KITEGAENSIS (Usumbura). With the sacred... - After certain territories are taken from the apostolic vicariates of Ngozi and Kitega, a new vicariate is established, named "Usumbura." INSULARUM SALOMONICARUM (of the Western Solomon Islands). The kingdom of Christ. - After certain territories are taken from the apostolic vicariates of the Northern and Southern Solomon Islands, a new vicariate is established, to be called "of the Western Solomon Islands." 18 PORTUS ALEXII and VEVAKENSIS (Goroka, Mount Hagen, Lae). A prophetic voice. - After certain territories are taken from the apostolic vicariates of Portus Alexii and Vevak, new apostolic vicariates are established, which are called "Goroka, Mount Hagen, Lae." 20 » » » (Ciudad Obregón). Having petitioned. - After certain territories are taken from the diocese of Sonora, a new diocese is established, to

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be called "Ciudad Obregón." S. CONCEPTIONIS - TEMUCENSIS (S. Mariae Angelorum). From which... - After certain territories are taken from the archdiocese of S. Conceptionis and the diocese of Temuco, a new diocese is established, named "S. Mariae Angelorum." DE FOZ DE IGUASSU, May 17, 796, 799, 801, 803, 881, 884, 886, 888, 890 SONORENSIS (Campo Mourão - Toledo in Brazil). With the venerable... - The previously suppressed "nullius" pre-latitium of Foz de Iguassú gives rise to two new dioceses within its territory, named "Campo Mourão" and "Toledo in Brazil." VII, 1959, 793 - MOTU 892, 894, 897 PROPRIO. With this in mind... - The Pontifical Lateran University is decorated with the title and honor.

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Index of documents arranged in chronological order VIII - PAPAL DOCUMENTS, page 1958 November » » » December » » » 1959 January » » » » » February » » » March » April » » » » » » » » May » » » Announcement of joy. - The title and privileges of the Minor Basilica are conferred upon the parish church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Joy ("Notre Dame de Joie"), in the town of "Pontivy," diocese of Noto. 14 Noble work. - Plenary and partial indulgences are granted to the Patriarchal Basilica of St. Mark in Venice. 16 Most pious Virgin. - The church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Seven Sorrows, located in the city, is elevated to the title and dignity of a Minor Basilica. "Forum Livii" (Fismes). - The temple of St. Mercurialis, located in the city of Forum Livii, is enriched with the title and dignity of a Minor Basilica. 22 Good Shepherd. - The Pontifical Council for Cinematography, Radio, and Television is established with new laws. 27 Tomb of Agnes. - The church of St. Agnes, outside the walls of the city, is elevated to the title of "Stationary Titulus." 19 Exalted through humility. - St. Lawrence of Brundisium, Doctor of the Universal Church, is declared a Doctor. 10 As much as love. - St. Gabriel, Virgin, Sorrowful of the whole region of Apulia, is declared the principal celestial Patron of the entire region. 628 256 413 414 10 » » It troubles the soul. - The Blessed Virgin Mary, commonly called "Nossa Senhora da Piedade," is declared the principal celestial Patron of the State of "Minas Gerais" in Brazil. 28 Proclaimed Mother of God. - The Blessed Virgin Mary of the Holy Rosary of "De Arma" is established as the principal celestial Patron of the diocese of Sonson in Colombia. 10 Bravely and gently. - The church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Nemorensis, also known as "Madonna del Bosco," in the town of "Imbersago," within the Bergamo archdiocese, is endowed with the honors and privileges of a Minor Basilica. 13 532 629 533 257 183 415 456 462 Onniato city. - The Priory of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus of the Regular Canons of the Lateran, in the city of Onniato, is erected into an Abbey of the same Congregation or Order. 691 14 To him was given. - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is declared the principal celestial Patron of the diocese of Tapacol. 693 26 Renewing the face. - Venerable Servant of God, Helena Guerra, Vir-

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gin, Foundress of the Institute of Oblates of the Holy Spirit, commonly known as the Sisters of St. Zita, is declared Blessed. 337 2 Marian cult. - The church of the Blessed Virgin Mary "Del Quinche" in the town commonly called "Del Quinche," in the Quito archdiocese, is decorated with the title and dignity of a Minor Basilica. 694 3 Proclamation of charity. - Venerable Servant of Good, Maria Margarita Dufrost de Lajemmerais, widow of Youville, Foundress and first General Superior of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity, is declared Blessed. 343 4 "Unity of charity." - The Confederation of Congregations of the Regular Canons of St. Augustine is approved. 630

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May 21: New decree. - Saint Isidore, the farmer, is chosen as the principal patron of the diocese of Saint Isidro in Argentina.

June 23: The church of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, commonly called "Nuestra Señora de el Soto" in the region of "de Toranzo" within the diocese of Saint Isidro, is chosen as the principal heavenly patron of the region, and its image is adorned with a crown.

June 6: The parish church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lapurda, called "Beata Maria Virgen," located in the city and archdiocese of Saint Sebastian of the River of January, is honored with the title and privileges of a Minor Basilica and is established as the principal heavenly patron of the diocese of Wollongong.

July 8: The Rule and Constitutions of the Congregation of Clerics of the Most Holy Cross and the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ are approved.

July 23: In the city of Essen, the Blessed Virgin Mary, invoked as the Mother of Good Counsel and "Domina Nostra Aureae," or commonly "Goldene Madonna," is chosen as the principal heavenly patron of the entire diocese of Essen.

December 31: The temple dedicated to Saint Theresa of Jesus, the Infant, in the diocese of Albano Laziale, is enriched with the honors of a Minor Basilica.

December 9: The cathedral church of Sherbrooke is adorned with the title and privileges of a Minor Basilica.

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December 23: Letters. In the beginning. - To the Most Reverend Cardinals Joseph S.R.E. Wendel, Archbishop of Munich and Freising; Julius S.R.E. Doepfner, Bishop of Berlin; and to other Most Reverend Archbishops, Bishops, and Ordinary authorities of Germany: Responds with common and affectionate letters, sent by his predecessor, Pope Pius XII.

January 3, 1959: Upon his arrival. - To the Most Reverend Cardinal John S.R.E. Urban, Patriarch of Venice, upon his first entrance into his Cathedral

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Basilica.

January 16: We still keep alive. - To the Most Reverend Cardinal Clement S.R.E. Micara, Bishop of Velletri, his Vicar of Rome.

January 18: To our estimation. - To the Most Reverend Cardinal Joseph S.R.E. Pizzardo, Bishop of Albano and Prefect of the Pontifical Council for Seminaries and Universities, marking the nineteenth century since Saint Paul sent his Letter to the Romans.

January 25: With our heart. - To the Most Reverend Apostolic Vicars of the region of Vietnam, who will celebrate a Marian Convent in the city of Saigon to conclude the centenary celebrations of the apparition of the Divine Virgin Mary in the cave of Lapurda, and also to commemorate the three exact centuries since the first Apostles were established in that region.

January 29: Vicars...

January 84: Indeed, we are more certain. - To the Most Reverend Cardinal Francis, titular of Saints John and Paul, S.R.E. Priest, Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, whom he sends as a legate to the Eucharistic Congress of the Central American nations being held in the city of Antigua Guatemala.

January 87:

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2: Catania, city.

20: To the Most Reverend and Most Excellent Lord Marcellus S.R.E. Cardinal Mimmi, Bishop of Sabina and Poggio Mirteto, sent by the Secretariate of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation as a legate to the Eucharistic Congress held in Catania, throughout Italy.

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To the Most Reverend and Most Excellent Lord Alfred S.R.E. Cardinal Ottaviani, Pro-Secretary of the Supreme Sacred Congregation, who is chosen as a legate for the solemnities commemorating the secular anniversary of the Sacred Hierarchy established in Canada.

To the Most Reverend and Most Excellent Lord Martin John O'Connor, titular Archbishop of Laodicea in Syria, Rector of the Pontifical College of the Federated States of America in the City. Founded by the same College at the end of the century.

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Delivered during the solemnities of the Mass on the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle, the Holy Father attended the Patriarchal Basilica of Ostia.

On the feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Solemn Papal Mass was held in the Patriarchal Basilica of the Vatican.

Held in the Basilica of St. Peter, on the anniversary of his coronation, with the presence of many Most Reverend Fathers, Cardinals, and many sacred Prelates, Excellencies, and faithful Christians.

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Allocutions:

Given by the Holy Father on the feast of the Roman Chair of St. Peter, in the Great Auditorium of the Pontifical Gregorian University, where the

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25. To the Most Reverend Cardinals present in the city.

30. In the monastery of the Benedictine monks at St. Paul outside the walls, after the solemn Masses at which the Most Blessed Father attended in the patriarchal Basilica of Ostia.

10. To the members of the Italian Society, commonly known as the "Christian Union of Entrepreneurs and Managers," gathered in Rome.

15. To the preachers of the sacred Lenten season in the city.

18. In the patriarchal Liberian Basilica, to conclude the secular celebrations for the miraculous vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Lurdes grotto.

1. To the women who attended the 9th National Assembly, held by the group known as the "Italian Women's Center" (C.I.F.) in Rome.

12. To the priests from the Apostolic Clergy Union, gathered in Rome to commemorate the centennial of the death of St. John Vianney throughout Italy.

18. To those who attended the International "Symposium" on the prevention of diseases, held in Rome in January, February, March, and April of 1959.

To those who attended the 2nd "Assembly of Black Writers and Artists," held in Rome under the auspices of the "African Cultural Society."

To the moderators and delegates of the Federation of Catholic Studies, who had convened in Rome to pay their respects to the Most Blessed Father.

To those who attended the first Ciceronian Assembly, held in Rome with representatives from all nations.

To the delegates of the Federation of men from all nations who were engaged in military service during the war, attending the 8th Assembly held in Rome.

To those who came to Rome for the solemn canonization of Blessed Carolina Setia and Blessed Joachima de Vedruna de Mas.

Held in the patriarchal Lateran Archbasilica, where members of the Seraphic Family were present, commemorating the 75th anniversary since the Apostolic See approved the rule of the Franciscan order.

To those who attended the assembly in Rome, organized by the group known as "Volunteers of the Pontifical Missionary Works in Italy."

To the faithful from Lugo who came to Rome to attend the beatification of the Venerable Servant of God, Helena Guerra.

On May 1st, in the Vatican Basilica, to the assembly of Italian workers'

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associations, commonly known as the "Christian Associations of Italian Workers" (A.C.L.I.).

To those who attended the 3rd National Assembly on Catholic writings, held daily or on certain days.

To the faithful from the Canadian region who undertook a pilgrimage to Rome to participate in the sacred ceremonies celebrating the beatification of Venerable Servant of God, Maria Margaret Dufrost de Lajemmerais, widow of Youville.

To the Most Excellent Signor Giovanni Gronchi, President of the Italian Republic.

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May 11: To the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square, to whom the urns were solemnly presented, containing the sacred relics of Pope St. Pius X and St. John Bosco.

May 14: To the Most Reverend Fathers, esteemed prelates, and faithful who attended the solemn Vespers celebrated by the Most Blessed Father on the Feast of Pentecost in the Vatican Basilica.

May 17: To the Most Excellent Signor Benedictum Belluzzi and Signor Augustinum Biordi, Supreme officials of the Republic of San Marino.

May 22: To the Regular Canons of St. Augustine, from the four congregations to which the Order belongs, on the happy occasion of the federation recently established.

June 12: To the Most Excellent Signor Celai Bayar, President of the Republic of Turkey, who attended Vespers in Rome among former Italian soldiers.

June 18: To His Most Serene Highness Rainer III, Prince of Monaco, and to Her Most Serene Highness Grace, his consort.

June 28: To those who attended the solemn Vespers celebrated by the Most Blessed Father in the Vatican Basilica on the feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul.

July 21: To the Most Excellent Signor Nobusuke Kishi, President of the Supreme Council for the administration of public affairs in Japan.

July 27: To the Most Excellent Signor Charles de Gaulle, President of the French Republic and of the Community.

To those who attended the Congress held in Rome on assistance for the visually impaired.

September 6: To those who attended the VI National Convention of the Italian Catholic Association of Elementary School Teachers held in Rome.

September 25: At the Anselmian Monastery on the Aventine Hill, in the presence of the Primate Abbot and other Abbots, Moderators, and members of the Benedictine Order.

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October 1: To those from various nations who attended the second convention held in Rome by the organization commonly known as "Apostolat des Aveugles."

October 11: To more than five hundred missionaries who attended, in the Vatican Basilica, a ceremony where the image of Christ crucified was presented to them by the Most Blessed Father.

At the Pontifical College of the United States of North America in the City, celebrating the completion of one hundred years since the founding of the sacred institution.

October 13: At the German College of St. Mary of the Angels, to those who are now or have been alumni, for the centennial celebrations of the College.

October 14: To the group of men who will work to honor the esteemed Servant of God, Bishop Nicolao Stenone.

October 17: To those who attended the second Italian convention of "per la Civiltà del Lavoro."

To the Prelates, Auditors, and other officials, lawyers, and procurators of the Sacred Roman Rota.

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Corrections in vol. LI (1959) *Commentarii Acta Apostolicae Sedis*: Page 827, line six before the last, instead of "Luensi," read: "Lunensi." Page 893, line 6, after the words "ad meridiem," add the words: "dioecesim Culiacanensem; ad occidentem denique solem..." Page 920, line 5, instead of "O.F.M. Cap.," read: "O.F.M. Conventualium." Page 921, line 11, in the *Decreti*, after the words "semel im, die," add the words: "celebrationis nuptiarum."

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In the year 1959, in the City of Vatican, on Thursday, April 2nd, 1959. Vol. 1. ACTA APOSTOLICAE SEDIS, SUPPLEMENT to the Laws and Regulations of the City State. Pontificate of His Holiness John XXIII – Year I, No. II. Decree of the Pontifical Commission for the City State, by which the issuance of a series of commemorative postage stamps of the Coronation of the Supreme Pontiff John XXIII is authorized. April 2nd, 1959. THE PONTIFICAL COMMISSION FOR THE CITY STATE. In virtue of the powers conferred by the reigning Supreme Pontiff John XXIII upon the Pontifical Commission by the decree of November 7th, 1958; Having considered articles 2 and 20, letter c), paragraph 5, of the law concerning the sources of law, June 7th, 1929, No. II; Having heard the opinion of the General Counselor of the State; DECREES: Article 1. – The issuance of a series of four commemorative postage stamps of the Coronation of the Supreme Pontiff John XXIII is authorized, to be valid for the payment of taxes relating to correspondence originating from the City of Vatican.

[*Latin ed. p. 1009*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Supplemento 2 Art. 2. - The postage stamps mentioned in the preceding article, printed in rotogravure on paper bearing, in the watermark, the design of the crossed Keys, have the following characteristics: dimensions: 30 x 40 mm, including the perforation, in a vertical format; denominations: L. 25, L. 35, L. 60, L. 100; subject: the denominations of L. 25 and L. 60 depict the Supreme Pontiff John XXIII, standing, wearing the *piviale* and the *triregnum*, in the act of blessing; the denominations of L. 35 and L. 100 represent the colored coat of arms of the reigning Supreme Pontiff, with the *Triregnum* and the crossed Keys, supported by two angels in a blue sky; in the upper right corner,

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is the date of the Coronation: IV - XI - MCM LVIII; at the bottom, is the inscription "POSTE VATICANE," followed by the indication of the value in Arabic numerals, on a red strip for the denomination of L. 25, carmine for L. 35, and blue for the denominations of L. 60 and L. 100; colors: for the denominations of L. 25 and L. 60, carmine red; for the denominations of L. 35 and L. 100, azure blue. Art. 3. - The postage stamps, of which the preceding articles speak, are valid for postal purposes from the date of entry into force of the present ordinance until March 31, 1960. Art. 4. - The present ordinance shall be published, in addition to the usual methods, by posting in the Courtyard of Saint Damasus, at the door of the *Unici* of the Governorate, and in the post offices of the State, and shall take effect on the same day of its publication. City of the Vatican, April two, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine. NICOLA Card. CANALI, President GIUSEPPE Card. PIZZARDO Primo Principi, Secretary.

[*Latin ed. p. 1010*]

ANNO 1959. CITTÀ DEL VATICANO, LUNEDÌ 25 MAGGIO 1959.

ACTA APOSTOLICAE SEDIS, NUM. 2, SUPPLEMENTO PER LE LEGGI E DISPOSIZIONI DELLO STATO DELLA CITTÀ DEL VATICANO.

Pontificato di S. Giovanni XXIII – Anno I.

IST. III. Ordinanza della Pontificia Commissione per lo Stato della Città del Vaticano, mediante la quale è autorizzata l'emissione di una serie di francobolli commemorativi dei Martiri della persecuzione dell'Imperatore Valeriano.

25 maggio 1959.

LA PONTIFICIA COMMISSIONE PER LO STATO DELLA CITTÀ DEL VATICANO.

In virtù dei poteri conferiti dal regnante Sommo Pontefice Giovanni XXIII alla Pontificia Commissione mediante il provvedimento del 7 novembre 1958;

Visti gli articoli 2 e 20, comma c), numero 5, della legge sulle fonti del diritto, del 7 giugno 1929, numero II;

Udito il parere del Consigliere generale dello Stato;

ORDINA:

Articolo 1. È autorizzata l'emissione di una serie di sei francobolli commemorativi dei Martiri della persecuzione dell'Imperatore Valeriano, da utilizzare per il pagamento delle tasse relative alle corrispondenze in partenza dalla Città del Vaticano.

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Articolo 2. I francobolli di cui all'articolo precedente, stampati in...

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The Acts of the Apostolic See – Supplement No. 6, printed in rotogravure on paper bearing, in the watermark, the design of the crossed keys, possesses the following characteristics: dimensions: 25 x 40 mm, including the serration, in a vertical format; denominations: Lira 15, Lira 25, Lira 50, Lira 60, Lira 100, Lira 300; subject: each postage stamp, on a background of a different color, bears in the center, enclosed within a circle, the colored effigy of a martyr; the Lira 15 denomination bears the effigy of the martyr Lawrence, Deacon, with the vertical inscription "LAURENTIUS"; the Lira 25 denomination bears the effigy of the martyr Pope Sixtus I, with the vertical inscription "SIX TUS P M"; the Lira 50 denomination bears the effigy of the martyr Agapitus, Deacon, with the vertical inscription "AGAPITUS"; the Lira 60 denomination bears the effigy of the martyr Felicissimus, Deacon, with the vertical inscription "FILICISSIMUS"; the Lira 100 denomination bears the effigy of the martyr Cyprian, Bishop, with the vertical inscription "CYPRIANUS EP"; the Lira 300 denomination bears the effigy of the martyr Fruttuoso, Bishop, with the vertical inscription "FRUCTUOSUS EP"; each inscription is surmounted by a sign of the cross and the letters "scs"; in the upper left corner, on two lines, is the inscription "POSTE VATICANE"; on the right is the indication of the value in Arabic numerals; at the bottom, for the denominations of Lira 15, Lira 25, Lira 50, Lira 60, Lira 100, are the commemorative dates CCLVIII MCMLVIII, in Roman numerals, and, for the denomination of Lira 300, CCLIX MCMLIX, separated by a decoration of branches of *palma* bearing in the center the cryptogram "%"; colors: for the Lira 15 denomination, red; for the Lira 25 denomination, violet; for the Lira 50 denomination, blue-green; for the Lira 60 denomination, *oliva* green; for the Lira 100 denomination, purple; for the Lira 300 denomination, Sienna earth.

Article 3. – The postage stamps, of which the preceding articles speak, have postal value from the date of entry into force of the present ordinance until June 30, 1960.

Article 4. – The present ordinance shall be published, in addition to the ordinary methods, by affixing it in the Courtyard of Saint Damasus, at the door of the Offices of the Governorate, and in the postal offices of the State, and shall enter into SS force on the same day of its publication.

City of the Vatican, May 25, 1959.

NICOLA, Cardinal CANALI, President

GIUSEPPE, Cardinal PIZZARDO

AMLETO GIOVANNI, Cardinal CICOGNANI

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Primo Principi, Secretary.

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IN THE YEAR 1959, VATICAN CITY, MONDAY, MAY 25, 1959, NUMBER 3. ACTA APOSTOLICAE SEDIS, SUPPLEMENT TO THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE STATE OF THE VATICAN CITY. REIGN OF HIS HOLINESS, POPE JOHN XXIII – YEAR I. – Decree of the Pontifical Commission for the State of the Vatican City, by which the issuance of a series of commemorative postage stamps for the thirtieth anniversary of the Lateran Pacts is authorized. MAY 25, 1959. THE PONTIFICAL COMMISSION FOR THE STATE OF THE VATICAN CITY. In virtue of the powers conferred by the reigning Supreme Pontiff, John XXIII, upon the Pontifical Commission by the decree of November 7, 1958; Having considered articles 2 and 20, letter c), number 5, of the law on the sources of law, June 7, 1929, number II; Having heard the opinion of the General Counselor of the State; DECREES: Article 1. – The issuance of a series of two commemorative postage stamps for the thirtieth anniversary of the Lateran Pacts is authorized, to be used for the payment of taxes relating to correspondence originating from the Vatican City.

[*Latin ed. p. 1013*]

Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Supplemento 10 Art. 2. - Un francobollo, secundum articulum praecedentem, impressum per processum rotogravurae super charta, quae in filigrana signum Clavium decussatarum habet, sequentes characteres praebet: dimensiones: mm. 30 x 40, cum denticulatione, in formato verticali; valores: L. 30 et L. 100; subjectum: idem pro utraque valore, repraesentat figuram, ad medium bustum, Summi Pontificis Pii X, cum mozzetta, cuius latere sinistro scriptio legitur: « PIUS XÏ P. M. »; figura in linea circumscripta est; in summo scriptum est « PATTILATERANENSI » cum indicatione sub iis datis «1929 - 1959 » in cornice insertis; in imo, lateribus duobus, valor in numeris Arabicis repetitur, praecedens littera L; inter numeros, in duabus linis: « POSTE VATICANE »; colores: pro valore L. 30: fulvus; pro valore L. 100: caeruleus ultramarinus. Art. 3. - Francobolli, secundum articulos praecedentis, ad effectum postalem, valorem habent usque ad diem 30 Iunii 1960. Art. 4. - Praesens ordinatio, praeter modos ordinarios, per affixionem in Atrio Sancti Damasi, ad portam Unici Gubernationis et in Unicis postalibus Status, publicabitur, et vigorem accipiet die ipso publicationis. Civitas Vaticana, vicesimo quinto die Maii millenovecentocinquantanove. NICOLA Card. CANALI, Praeses. GIUSEPPE Card. PIZZARDO. AMLETO GIOVANNI Card. CICOGNANI. Primo Principi, Secretarius.

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Year XXX, Vatican City, Tuesday, September 1, 1959, No. 4, ACTA APOSTOLICAE SEDIS, Supplement to the Laws and Regulations of the Vatican

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City State. Pontificate of Saint John XXIII - Year I, No. V. Ordinance of the Pontifical Commission for the Vatican City State concerning postal and telegraph rates. September 1959.

THE PONTIFICAL COMMISSION FOR THE VATICAN CITY STATE.

By virtue of the powers conferred by the reigning Supreme Pontiff, John XXIII, upon the Pontifical Commission by decree of November 7, 1958;

Having considered Articles 2 and 20, letter c), paragraph 5, of the law of June 7, 1929, No. I I, concerning the sources of law;

Having considered the agreement between the Holy See and Italia concerning postal rates, dated January 23, 1952;

Having considered the ordinance of the Pontifical Commission for the Vatican City State, October 1, 1957, No. CXI, concerning postal rates;

Having heard the opinion of the General Counselor of the State;

IT ORDERS:

Article 1. From September 1, 1959, the table contained in the ordinance of the Pontifical Commission for the Vatican City State, October 1, 1957, No. CXI, is replaced by the following table:

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Acta Apostolicae 14 I - Sedis - Supplemento pro Italia. Litterae. CORRESPONDENTIA extra Italia. Litterae: pro quoque 15 grammis vel parte fractionis, porto 20 grammis; pro quoque portu subsequenti 20 grammis, 25 vel — 60, 35. 25, 50, 35, 70, cum sola firma vel cum formulis convenientibus expressis in maximo 5 verbis, data et firma mittentis, cum correspondentia epistolari: 15, 25, 15, 35, 55, 10, 60, 15, 15, 15, 15, 15, 60, 15, 15, 15, 15, 15, 15, 10, 15, 5, 15. CARTOLINA DE STATO: simplicis cum responsione soluta. CARTOLINA ILLUSTRATA: 1. CARTE MANOSCRIPTAE: pro primis 250 grammis, pro quoque 50 grammis, vel parte fractionis, subsequentiis. BIGLIETTI DA VISITA: cum non plus quam 5 verbis convenientibus. FACTURAE COMMERCIALES: pro primis 250 grammis, pro quoque 50 grammis, vel parte fractionis, subsequentiis. STAMPAE AUGURALES: contentas formulas convenientes redactus totum in impressione, contentas formulas manuscripte, expressas in maximo 5 verbis. PARTICIPATIONES: de nativitate, morte et similibus in impressione. STAMPAE: periodicae et non periodicae missae de secunda manu, pro quoque 50 grammis vel parte fractionis. PLICAE LIBRORUM missae sub fascia a Domibus editoribus vel librariis (intra limites 700 grammis), pro quoque 50 grammis vel parte fractionis. 1. Pro tota Italia (et non pro aliis terris) licet adjungere unam solam litteram acompanationis, si: sit aperta, directa ad eundem destinatarium plici, habeat relationem ad cartas manuscritas, et affrancatura

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Acts of the Apostolic See - Supplement 15 Beyond Italy. Literature. Italy. Literature. 20 - 10 - 50 10 120 25 85 60 90 90 30 90 100 - 50 - - 100 SAMPLES OF GOODS: for the first 100 grams, for the first 250 grams (minimum) 60 15 POSTAL PACKAGES: for every 50 grams or fraction thereof, the amount is... . . . RECOMMENDATION FEE: for closed correspondence, in addition to the postage fee, for book shipments sent by publishing houses (limit). . . . . INSURANCE FEE: in addition to the postage and recommendation fees: On correspondence: Ordinary: for every 200 francs gold or fraction thereof. Against risks of force majeure: on correspondence and packages, in addition to the ordinary insurance fee: for every subsequent 50,000 lire or fraction thereof. Bank Draft Fee (in addition to normal fees): 100 50 - 100 110 75 100 (a proportional fee of the percentage of the amount of the bank draft is provided only for shipments sent directly beyond Italy). EXPRESS: fixed fee (in addition to normal fees). . . . . .

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Acts of the Apostolic See - Supplement 11 III - VAGLIA (Money Orders) Sent to Italy (in addition to the module price of L. 10)

L. 5,000 up to L. 20,000

L. 20,000 up to L. 50,000

L. 50,000 up to L. 100,000

L. 100,000 up to L. 200,000

L. 5,000 from over L.)))) L. 20,000)))) L. 50,000)))) L. 100,000

L. 50

90

150

200

250

Telegraphic Money Orders (in addition to the issue fee and the fee at the telegraph office)

50

IV - TELEGRAMS

Article 2. - From the same date as mentioned in the preceding article, the rates for telegrams for domestic use and for Italy are as follows:

FOR DOMESTIC USE:

A) L. 10 per word with a minimum of 16 words;

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FOR ITALY:

A) ORDINARY telegrams, with a minimum of 16 words, L. 15 per word.

B) URGENT, MOST URGENT, and FLASH telegrams, with a minimum of 16 words, respectively double, triple, and quadruple the rate mentioned in letter a).

C) For LETTER telegrams, L. 8 per word with a minimum of 22 words.

D) For PRINT telegrams, L. 5 per word with a minimum of 20 words.

E) For telegrams sent to Italian ships via Italian coastal stations (the minimum number of words does not apply):

COASTAL radiotelegraph fee, L. 55 per word;

ONBOARD radiotelegraph fee, L. 45 per word.

Article 3 - This ordinance shall be published, in addition to the usual methods, by posting it on the doors of the offices of the Governorate and in the offices of the State Post Office.

Vatican City, September 1st, 1959.

NICOLA, Cardinal

GIUSEPPE AMLETO CANALI, Cardinal

GIOVANNI PIZZARDO, Cardinal

CICOGNANI

First Principles, SECRETARY

[*Latin ed. p. 1020*]

Year XXX, City of the Vatican, Tuesday, October 27, 1959, No. 5. ACTA APOSTOLICAE SEDIS, Supplement to the Laws and Regulations of the City State of the Vatican. Pontificate of His Holiness John XXIII – Year I, Section VI. Ordinance of the Pontifical Commission for the City State of the Vatican, by which the issuance of a series of postage stamps is authorized, intended to commemorate the inauguration of the transmitting center of the Vatican Radio of Saint Mary of Galeria. October 27, 1959. THE PONTIFICAL COMMISSION FOR THE CITY STATE OF THE VATICAN. In virtue of the powers conferred by the reigning Supreme Pontiff, John XXIII, upon the Pontifical Commission, by decree of November 7, 1958; Having considered articles 2 and 20, letter o), paragraph 5, of the law of June 7, 1929, No. 11, concerning the sources of law; Having heard the opinion of the General Counselor of the State; IT ORDERS: Article 1. The issuance of a series of two postage stamps is authorized, intended to commemorate the inauguration, which took place on October 27, 1957, of the transmitting center of the Vatican Radio of Saint Mary of Galeria.

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22 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Supplemento ad valere pro solutione tributorum concernentium epistulas emittendas ex Urbe Vaticana. Articulus

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2. - Sigilla, quae in articulo praecedente mentionem habentur, impressa per processum rotogravura in charta, quae in filigrana signum Clavium decussatarum praebet, sequentes characteres habent: dimensiones: mm. 30 x 40, cum dentibus, forma verticalis; valores: L. 25, L. 60; subjectum: unum, quod magnam antennam centralem repraesentat, quae in summo in formam crucis terminat, ante quam statua alata Archangeli Gabrielis apparet; ambo valores in summo, ad dextram, in duabus linis, inscriptionem habent: « CENTRO RADIO S. MARIA DI GALERÍA »; in ima scriptum est « POSTE VATICANE » cum indicatione valoris respectivi in numeris Arabicis; colores: pro valore L. 25, caelum aurantium in ima, quod in rubrum versus altum transmutatur; figura Archangeli, nigra, fundamentum statuae et antenna, grisea; pro valore L. 60, caelum caeruleum quod in caeruleum versus altum transmutatur; figura Archangeli et fundamentum statuae, aurea; antenna, perla grisea cum striis coloris rubri ad basem et in medio, apex in formam crucis, aureus; Articulus 3. - Sigilla, quae in articulis praecedentibus mentionem habentur, ad effectum postalem, ab die vigoris praesentis ordinis usque ad diem 31 Decembris anno 1960 valent. Articulus 4. - Praesens ordinatio, praeter modos ordinarios, per affixionem in Cortile S. Damasi, ad portam Officiorum Governatoratus et in Unicis postalibus Status, publicabitur et ab die ipsius publicationis viget. Urbs Vaticana, vicesimo septimo Octobris anno millenovecentosinquantanono. NICOLA Card. CANALI, Praeses. GIUSEPPE Card. PIZZARDO. AMLETO GIOVANNI Card. CICOGNANI. Primo Principi, Secretarius.

[*Latin ed. p. 1022*]

Year XXX, Vatican City, Tuesday, October 27, 1959, No. 6. ACTA APOSTOLICAE SEDIS, SUPPLEMENT. FOR THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE STATE OF THE VATICAN CITY. Pontificate of His Holiness Pope John XXIII – Year I, No. VII. Decree of the Pontifical Commission for the State of the Vatican City, by which the issuance of a series of postage stamps for airmail is authorized. October 27, 1959. THE PONTIFICAL COMMISSION FOR THE STATE OF THE VATICAN CITY. In virtue of the powers conferred by the reigning Supreme Pontiff, John XXIII, upon the Pontifical Commission by the decree of November 7, 1958; Having considered articles 2 and 20, letter o), no. 5, of the law of June 7, 1929, no. I I, concerning the sources of law; Having heard the opinion of the General Counselor of the State; DECREES: Article 1. The issuance of a series of ten postage stamps is authorized, to be used for the payment of taxes relating to correspondence originating from the Vatican City and to be sent by airmail. Article 2. The postage stamps referred to in the preceding article, printed in...

[*Latin ed. p. 1023*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See – Supplement 26, a rotogravure printed on paper bearing the design of the crossed keys in the watermark, possesses

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the following characteristics: dimensions: 30 x 40 mm, including the perforation, in a vertical format; denominations: L. 5, L. 10, L. 15, L. 25, L. 35, L. 50, L. 60, L. 100, L. 200, L. 500; colors: respectively, for the denominations indicated above: violet, blue-green, sepia, gray, blue, green, purple, dark gray, brown, burnt sienna; depictions: five obelisks erected in the squares of Rome; a) for the denominations of L. 5 and L. 50, the obelisk erected in the square of St. John Lateran; d) for the denominations of L. 10 and L. 60, the obelisk erected in the Esquiline square, with the apse of St. Mary Major in the background; c) for the denominations of L. 15 and L. 100, the obelisk erected in the square of St. Peter; d) for the denominations of L. 25 and L. 200, the obelisk erected in the square of the People; e) for the denominations of L. 35 and L. 500, the obelisk erected in the square of the Trinity of the Mountains; inscriptions: for all denominations, the respective value is indicated in Arabic numerals in the upper right corner, and at the bottom, on two lines, "POSTA AEREA VATICANA." Article 3. – The postage stamps referred to in the preceding articles shall have postal value from the date of entry into force of the present ordinance. Article 4. – The present ordinance shall be published, in addition to the ordinary methods, by affixing it in the Courtyard of St. Damasus, at the entrance of the Unici section of the Governorate, and in the post offices of the State, and shall enter into force on the same day of its publication. Vatican City, October twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine. NICOLA, Cardinal. President. Card. PIZZARDO. GIOVANNI, Cardinal. GIUSEPPE AMLETO CANALI, CICOGNANI. First Principles, Secretary.

[*Latin ed. p. 1024*]

VATICAN CITY, Thursday, November 12, 1959.

ACTA APOSTOLICAE SEDIS, SUPPLEMENT.

CONCERNING THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE STATE OF THE CITY OF VATICAN.

Pontificate of His Holiness John XXIII – Year II, No. 8.

Decree of the Pontifical Commission for the State of the City of Vatican, by which the regulations for the granting of family allowances are defined.

November 12, 1959.

THE PONTIFICAL COMMISSION FOR THE STATE OF THE CITY OF VATICAN.

By virtue of the powers conferred by the reigning Supreme Pontiff, John XXIII, upon the Pontifical Commission by the decree of November 7, 1958;

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Having considered the necessity of regulating the granting of family allowances in accordance with the new salary scales in force from July 1, 1959;

Having heard the opinion of the General Counselor of the State;

DECREES:

Article 1. – The granting of family allowances, provided for in favor of the personnel employed according to the new salary scales in force from July 1, 1959, shall be governed by the following regulations.

Article 2. – Regarding children:

a) An allowance shall be granted for each child, whether legitimate or adopted, and for those affiliated, and for those born from a previous marriage of the spouse, up to the age of 21, provided that they reside with the family and are dependent upon it.

[*Latin ed. p. 1025*]

30 Acta Apostolicae Sedis - Supplemento b) The allowance is calculated from the date of Baptism. c) The allowance ceases if the son or daughter contracts marriage before the age of 21, even if they are living with their parents. d) The allowance is maintained for children over the age of twenty-one, when, at the unappealable judgment of the Directorate of Health Services of the Governatorate, they are recognized as permanently unable to work and lack sufficient economic resources for their sustenance. Article 3. - For the wife: The allowance is granted when it is established that a legitimate marriage has been celebrated according to the Catholic rite. It is not paid in the case of separation between the spouses, whether de facto or legal, and in any case when it is shown that the wife does not permanently reside with the employee. Article 4. - For the parents: The allowance is granted for each parent, provided they reside with and are dependent on the employee. For the father, it is also required that he has passed his 65th year. Article 5. - For unmarried sisters: Only to ecclesiastical employees, and to lay employees who have not contracted marriage, is the allowance paid for each unmarried sister, without age limit, provided that she permanently resides with the employee and is dependent on him. Article 6. - Granting of scholarships: The Pontifical Commission reserves the right to grant annual scholarships, in the amount it deems appropriate, to the children of employees up to the age of 25. Within the months of October and November of each year, employees may submit an application with documentation of the child's enrollment in higher or university courses, and a certificate proving actual progress in their studies. Article 7. - Residence and Dependency: a) Residence: When the requirement of residence is stipulated for the granting of the family allowance, it is understood that the family member must permanently live in the same dwelling as the employee, and this must also be reflected in the family status document issued

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by the municipality of residence. Those who continue to be considered as residing together...

[*Latin ed. p. 1026*]

Laws and regulations of the City State of Vatican City, 31. Concerning the burden of dependents of an employee who, by reason of his office, is subsequently assigned to a location outside his place of residence, and who cannot, for objective reasons related to his service and the new residence, bring his family with him.

o) Burden: A family member is considered a dependent of the employee when the burden relating to their maintenance falls entirely or preponderantly upon the employee's economy. Therefore, the family member must not have their own monthly income exceeding L. 20,000 if it is one of the parents, L. 12,500 if it is a permanently disabled individual, and L. 10,000 for minor children under the age of 21.

To document the burden, the employee must present a notarized document, according to the usual forms, in which it is declared:

1) That he provides for the maintenance of the family member.

2) That the family member has no income of their own, or that such income is less than the amounts specified above (pension, fixed income, real estate income, etc.).

3) That there are no other individuals or entities legally obligated to provide for the maintenance of the family member, and that he intends to declare them as a dependent.

Employees who wish to apply for concessions must submit, within 10 days of the date of publication of this ordinance, to the Personnel Office, a family status document issued for this purpose by the Municipality of residence.

In any case, the Administration reserves the right to request specific documentation and to ascertain, at any time, the existence of two essential conditions for benefiting from the allowance: cohabitation and dependency.

Article 8. - This ordinance shall be published, in the ordinary manner, by affixing it in the Courtyard of St. Damasus, as well as at the entrance to the offices of the Governorate, and shall take effect on the same day of its publication.

Vatican City, twelfth of November, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

NICOLA Card. CANALI, President

GIUSEPPE Card. PIZZARDO

AMLETO GIOVANNI Card. CICOGNANI

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First Principles, Secretary.

[*Latin ed. p. 1028*]

In the year 1959, in the City of the Vatican, on Monday, December 14th. No. 8. ACTA APOSTOLICAE SEDIS, SUPPLEMENTUM PER LEGGES ET DISPOSITIONES STATI CIVITATIS VATICANAE. Pontificate of His Holiness John XXIII - Year II, No. IX. Decree of the Pontifical Commission for the City State of the Vatican, by which the issuance of a series of postage stamps is authorized, intended to commemorate the fifth centenary of the birth of Saint Casimir, King and Principal Patron of the Military Ordinariate of Lithuania.

December 11, 1959.

THE PONTIFICAL COMMISSION FOR THE CITY STATE OF THE VATICAN.

By virtue of the powers conferred by the reigning Supreme Pontiff, John XXIII, upon the Pontifical Commission, by decree of November 7, 1958; Having considered articles 2 and 20, letter c), paragraph 5, of the law of June 7, 1929, No. II, concerning the sources of law; Having heard the opinion of the General Counselor of the State;

ORDERS:

Article 1. The issuance of a series of two postage stamps is authorized, intended to commemorate the fifth centenary of the birth of Saint Casimir, King and Principal Patron of the Military Ordinariate of Lithuania, to be used for the payment of taxes relating to correspondence originating from the City of the Vatican.

Article 2. The postage stamps referred to in the preceding article, printed in color...

[*Latin ed. p. 1029*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See - Supplement 34, concerning a geographical map bearing, in its watermark, the design of the crossed keys, possesses the following characteristics: dimensions: 24 x 40 mm, including the perforation, in a horizontal format; denominations: L. 50, L. 100; subject: a single design, depicting on the right side the head of the Saint enclosed within a circular band upon which is the inscription: "S. CASIMIRUS - PRIMARY PATRON OF LITHUANIA -", and on the left side, in the background, the Royal Palace, with the Cathedral of Vilna in the foreground; both denominations bear at the top, on the right, the dates: 1458 1958; and at the bottom, the inscription: "VAATICAN POSTS," with the indication, higher up on the left, of the respective denomination in Arabic numerals; colors: for the L. 50 denomination, brown; for the L. 100 denomination, green.

Article 3. - The postage stamps referred to in the preceding articles shall

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have postal validity from the date of entry into force of the present ordinance until December 31, 1960.

Article 4. - The present ordinance shall be published, in addition to the ordinary methods, by affixing it in the Courtyard of St. Damasus, at the door of the Offices of the Governorate, and in the postal offices of the State, and shall enter into force on the same day of its publication.

Vatican City, December fourteen, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

NICOLA Card. CANALI, President

GIUSEPPE Card. PIZZARDO

AMLETO GIOVANNI Card. CICOGNANI

Primo Principi, Secretary

[*Latin ed. p. 1030*]

Year XXX, Vatican City, Monday, December 14, 1959, No. 9. ACTA APOSTOLICAE SEDIS, SUPPLEMENT. Concerning the Laws and Regulations of the Vatican City State. Pontificate of His Holiness John XXIII – Year II, No. X. Decree of the Pontifical Commission for the Vatican City State, by which the issuance of a series of postage stamps is authorized, intended to celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Nativity. December 14, 1959. THE PONTIFICAL COMMISSION FOR THE VATICAN CITY STATE. In virtue of the powers conferred by the reigning Supreme Pontiff, John XXIII, upon the Pontifical Commission, by decree of November 7, 1958; Having considered Articles 2 and 20, letter c), paragraph 5, of the law of June 7, 1929, No. II, concerning the sources of law; Having heard the opinion of the General Counselor of the State; DECREES: Article 1. The issuance of a series of three postage stamps is authorized, intended to celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Nativity, to be used for the payment of taxes relating to correspondence originating from the Vatican City State. Article 2. The postage stamps referred to in the preceding article, printed in...

[*Latin ed. p. 1031*]

The Acts of the Apostolic See - Supplement 38, a map printed on paper bearing, in the watermark, the design of the crossed keys, has the following characteristics: dimensions: 30 x 40 mm, including the perforation, vertical format; values: L. 15, L. 25, L. 60; subject: a single image, taken from a painting on wood by Raphael, kept in the Vatican Pinacoteca, depicting the Virgin Mary, seated before the entrance to the stable; seated on her knees is the Child Jesus, adored by the Magi and the shepherds; next to the Virgin is St. Joseph; the three values bear, at the top left, the inscription MCMLIX; at the bottom center, the inscription: NATIVITAS D. N. I. CHRISTI; below the inscription, the words: POSTE VATICANE, with the indication of the respective value in Arabic numerals; colors: for the value of L. 15, gray; for

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the value of L. 25, purple; for the value of L. 60, ultramarine blue.

Article 3. - The stamps referred to in the preceding articles have postal value from the date of entry into force of this ordinance until December 31, 1960.

Article 4. - This ordinance shall be published, in addition to the usual methods, by posting in the Courtyard of St. Damasus, at the door of the offices of the Governorate, and in the post offices of the State, and shall enter into force on the same day of its publication.

Vatican City, December 14, 1959.

NICOLA Card. CANALI, President

GIUSEPPE Card. PIZZARDO

AMLETO GIOVANNI Card. CICOGNANI

Primo Principi, Secretary.

[*Latin ed. p. 1032*]

Year XXX, Vatican City, Wednesday, December 30, 1959, No. 10, ACTA APOSTOLICAE SEDIS, Supplement to the Laws and Regulations of the Vatican City State. Pontificate of His Holiness John XXIII – Year II, No. XI – Law authorizing the minting and issuance of coins for the year 1959.

December 30, 1959.

JOHN PP. XXIII

By Our own initiative and with due knowledge, exercising the fullness of Our sovereign authority;

Having considered the Monetary Law of December 31, 1930, No. XXI;

Having considered the Law of November 16, 1931, No. LX, by which modifications are made to the Monetary Law of December 31, 1930, No. XXI;

Having considered the Monetary Convention between the Vatican City State and Vitalia, signed in Rome on April 21, 1951, and subsequent agreements;

Considering the opportunity to issue new legislative provisions for the minting and issuance of coins for the year 1959;

We have ordered and order as follows, to be observed as law of the State:

Article 1. – The minting and issuance of metal coins with a nominal value of L. 1, L. 2, L. 5, L. 10, L. 20, L. 50, L. 100, L. 500, are authorized, having the technical and artistic characteristics specified in the following articles.

[*Latin ed. p. 1033*]

Acta 42 of the Apostolic See - Supplement, Article 2. - The technical

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characteristics of metallic coins, excluding gold coins, are determined as follows:

Nominal Value: Lira 500, 100, 50, 20, 10, 5, 2, 1

Metal: Silver, 8 acmonital, 3 acmonital, 5 acmonital, italma, italma, italma, italma

Diameter (mm.): 29.1, 27.8, 24.8, 21.4, 23.3, 20.2, 18.3, 17.2

Legal Weight (grams): 11.00, 8.00, 6.250, 3.60, 1.600, 1.00, 0.800, 0.625

Tolerance (plus or minus grams): 0.55, 0.20, 0.156, 0.072, 0.032, 0.020, 0.060, 0.012

Edge: Smooth, Reeded, Reeded, Reeded, Smooth, Smooth, Reeded, Smooth

Article 3. - The artistic characteristics of the coins mentioned in Article 1 are as follows:

For coins of Lira 500:

Obverse: Bust of the Supreme Pontiff, wearing the pallium, facing left; around: IOANNES • XXIII • P • M • A N • I;

Reverse: The coat of arms of the Supreme Pontiff superimposed on a shield, which is surmounted by the tiara between the keys; around: CITTÀ DEL VATICANO; to the left of the coat of arms: LIRE; to the right: 500; at the bottom: 1959; inscription on the outer circular edge, in relief: OBOEDIENTIA ET PAX.

For coins of Lira 100:

Obverse: Bust of the Supreme Pontiff, wearing the pallium, facing left; around: IOANNES • XXIII • P • M • A N • I;

Reverse: Figure of a woman standing, who with her left arm supports a cross, and in her right hand holds a pyx with a radiant Host; around: CITTÀ DEL VATICANO; below the figure: FIDES; to the left of the figure: L. 100; to the right: 1959.

For coins of Lira 50:

Obverse: Bust of the Supreme Pontiff, wearing the pallium, facing right; around: IOANNES • XXIII • P • M • A N • I;

Reverse: Figure of a woman standing, who rests her left hand and foot on an anchor; around: CITTÀ DEL VATICANO; below the figure: SPES; to the left of the figure: L. 50; to the right, lower: 1959.

[*Latin ed. p. 1034*]

Laws and regulations of the State of the City of Vatican, concerning coins of 20 Lire: on the obverse, the bust of the Supreme Pontiff, facing left, wearing the camauro, mozzetta, and stole; around the bust: IOANNES • XXIII • PONT • M A X • A N • I; on the reverse: the figure of a woman seated on a throne, holding a child in her lap, and encircling another child with her left arm, and a girl with her right arm; around the figure: CITTÀ DEL

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VATICANO; below the figure: CARITAS; beneath that: L. 20; lower down: 1959; for coins of 10 Lire, on the obverse: the bust of the Supreme Pontiff, wearing the piviale, facing left; around the bust: IOANNES • XXIII • PONT • M A X • A N • I; on the reverse, the figure of a woman, kneeling on her right knee, in the act of contemplating herself in a mirror held in her right hand, and holding a serpent in her left hand; around the figure: CITTÀ DEL VATICANO; below the figure: PRUDENTIA; to the left of the figure: L. 10; to the right: 1959; for coins of 5 Lire, on the obverse: the bust of the Supreme Pontiff, wearing the mozzetta and stole, facing right; around the bust: IOANNES • XXIII • PONT • M A X • A N • I; on the reverse: the figure of a woman, supported on her knees, holding a sword in her right hand and a balance in her left hand; around the figure: CITTÀ DEL VATICANO; below the figure: JUSTITIA; to the left: L. 5; to the right: 1959; for coins of 2 Lire, on the obverse: the coat of arms of the Supreme Pontiff superimposed on a shield, which is surmounted by the Tiara between the Keys of Saint Peter; around the coat of arms: IOANNES • XXIII • PONT • M A X • A N • I; on the reverse: the figure of a woman seated on the back of a lion, and holding a spiked mace with her right hand; around the figure: CITTÀ DEL VATICANO; below the figure: FORTITUDO; to the left of the figure: L. 2; to the right: 1959; for coins of 1 Lire, on the obverse: the coat of arms of the Supreme Pontiff superimposed on a shield, which is surmounted by the Tiara between the Keys of Saint Peter; around the coat of arms: IOANNES • XXIII • PONT • M A X • A N • I; on the reverse: the figure of a woman, kneeling on her left knee, in the act of pouring water from an amphora held in her left hand into a vessel held in her right hand; around the figure: CITTÀ DEL VATICANO; below the figure: TEMPERANTIA; to the left, at the top: 1959; to the right, lower down: L. 1.

[*Latin ed. p. 1035*]

Acta 44 Apostolicae Sedis - Supplemento Article 4. - The coins mentioned in the preceding articles shall be issued in the following quantities:

Coins of L. 1: 25,000 pieces

Coins of L. 2: 25,000 pieces

Coins of L. 5: 25,000 pieces

Coins of L. 10: 50,000 pieces

Coins of L. 20: 50,000 pieces

Coins of L. 50: 100,000 pieces

Coins of L. 100: 783,000 pieces

Coins of L. 500: 30,000 pieces

Total value: L. 50,000

Total value: L. 125,000

Total value: L. 500,000

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Total value: L. [amount missing]

Total value: L. 1,000,000

Total value: L. 5,000,000

Total value: L. 78,300,000

Total value: L. 15,000,000

Total value: L. 100,000,000

Article 5. - It is authorized to mint and issue gold coins with the following technical characteristics: nominal value L. 100; gold content: 0.04677 grams; diameter: 20.7 mm; legal fineness: 900 thousandths; tolerance plus or minus: 1 thousandth; legal weight: 5.190666 grams; tolerance plus or minus: 2 thousandths; edge: ridged. The artistic characteristics are as follows: on the obverse: bust of the Supreme Pontiff with pallium, facing right; around: IOANNES • xxiii • p • M • A • i; on the reverse: coat of arms of the Supreme Pontiff superimposed on the shield, which is surmounted by the Tiara between the Keys; around: CITTÀ DELVATICANO; below the coat of arms: 1959; to the left of the coat of arms: LIRE; to the right: 100.

Article 6. - The gold coins referred to in the previous article shall be issued in a quantity not exceeding ten thousand pieces. We command that the original of this law, bearing the seal of the State, be deposited in the Archive of Laws of the State of the Vatican City, and that the corresponding text be published in the Supplement to the Acta Apostolicae Sedis, ordering all to observe and ensure its observance.

Given from Our Apostolic Palace in the Vatican on the thirtieth day of December in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, in the second year of Our Pontificate.

GIOVANNI P. P. XXIII.

[*Latin ed. p. 1036*]

Year XXX, Vatican City, Tuesday, January 12, 1960, No. 11, ACTA APOSTOLICAE SEDIS, Supplement to the Laws and Regulations of the Vatican City State. Pontificate of His Holiness John XXIII – Year II, No. XII – Law on Copyright. January 12, 1960.

JOHN P. XXIII. By Our own initiative and with certain knowledge, exercising the fullness of Our sovereign authority, We have ordered and do order the following, to be observed as law of the State:

Article 1. With regard to the matter of copyright on works of the intellect, the legislation of the Italian State is observed in the Vatican City, including the regulations in force at the time of the entry into force of the present law, provided that it is not contrary to the precepts of Divine Law, nor to the general principles of Canon Law, as well as to the provisions of the Treaty and the Concordat concluded between the Holy See and the Italian State

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on February 11, 1929, and always provided that, in relation to the existing factual situation in the Vatican City, it is applicable therein.

Article 2. The provisions relating to the protection of copyright apply to the texts of the laws and official acts published by the Holy See and by the Vatican City State.

[*Latin ed. p. 1037*]

Acts of the Apostolic See - Supplement 46, Article 3. - Paragraph 2, letter c), of Article 20 of the law concerning the sources of law, June 7, 1929, No. 11, published in the Supplement of the Acts of the Apostolic See of June 8, 1929, is abrogated. Article 4. - This law shall enter into force on the same day of its publication. We command that the original of this law, bearing the seal of the State, be deposited in the Archive of Laws of the State of the City of Vatican, and that the corresponding text be published in the Supplement of the Acts of the Apostolic See, ordering all those to whom it pertains to observe it and to ensure its observance. Given from Our Apostolic Palace on the twelfth day of January, in the year nineteen hundred and sixty, in the second year of Our Pontificate. JOHN XXIII.

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